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## Premier of Western Australia

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Ms Margaret Liveris  
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Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations  
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Dear Ms Liveris

### **STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS – REPORT 85 – CONSIDERATION OF THE 2021-22 BUDGET ESTIMATES**

Thank you for your email of 30 November 2021, which attached a copy of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations' Report 85 – Consideration of the 2021-22 Budget Estimates as tabled in the Legislative Council.

In accordance with Standing Order 191(1) of the Legislative Council, **Attachment A** provides the Government's response to the two recommendations contained in the report.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark McGowan'.

Mark McGowan MLA  
**PREMIER; TREASURER**

Att.

24 JAN 2022

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**Recommendation 1: The Department of Treasury ensure that the term ‘forward estimates’ is consistently applied in the budget papers to improve readability.**

**Supported.**

This term will be consistently used throughout the Budget Papers to refer to the four year period comprising the current Budget year and the three outyears.

**Recommendation 2: For the occasions of non-provision of information due to legal professional privilege, commercial sensitivity or agency resourcing, the relevant Minister consider issuing a notice under section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*.**

**Supported.**

Ministers will follow the requirements of section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*.