

Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations Committee

Inquiry into the Provision of Information to Parliament

Terms of Reference

The Committee, exercising its Standing function to consider and report on certain matters “relating to the financial administration of the State” will conduct an inquiry in relation to technical compliance with section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006* and related matters. The Committee will specifically consider the following:

- (a) the requirements of section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*, and consequent implications for Ministers and public sector staff;
- (b) the considerations that are taken into account where a decision is made to not disclose the requested information to the Committee in circumstances that would invoke section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*;
- (c) the reasons provided for the non-provision of requested material relating to the financial administration of the State made under section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*;
- (d) the considerations that give rise to a decision to provide information that is sought by the Committee concerning the financial administration of the State, where a contrary decision may otherwise have been made;
- (e) the adequacy and efficacy of the current statutory provisions and administrative practices by which the non-disclosure of requested material relating to the financial administration of the State is assessed;
- (f) the manner in which similar considerations are addressed in other jurisdictions; and any other relevant matters.