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## **AUDITOR GENERAL FINDS THREE MINISTERIAL DECISIONS NOT REASONABLE**

Auditor General, Colin Murphy tabled the report in Parliament today which found three out of four decisions by Ministers not to provide information to Parliament were not reasonable, largely because the information was already publicly available.

Under legislation, the Auditor General is required to express an opinion as to whether it is reasonable and appropriate for a Minister not to provide information to Parliament.

The report covers decisions made by the:

- Minister for Transport, Dean Nalder on an updated schedule of major transport infrastructure works for Western Australia
- Minister for Planning, John Day on the valuation for the East Perth Power Station and unsolicited proposals to buy the site
- Minister for Tourism, Kim Hames on the value of incentives provided on the sale of FESA House.

“The key lesson for agencies from my report is that they should first confirm whether information is already publicly available before declining to provide it to Parliament,” said Mr Murphy.

“In some cases there are valid reasons for Ministers not to provide information to Parliament. The Minister for Planning’s decision not to provide information about the unsolicited proposals to buy the East Perth Power Station site was found to be reasonable.”

“With minor changes to policy and processes, these agencies will provide better advice to their Ministers.”

The Auditor General’s report *Opinions on Ministerial Notifications* (Report 12 – June 2015) can be downloaded from the Office of the Auditor General website at [www.audit.wa.gov.au](http://www.audit.wa.gov.au).

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