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Dear Mr Morris

David

**2014-15 BUDGET ESTIMATES FURTHER INFORMATION – COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
DISABILITY SERVICES AND REFORM**

Thank you for your letter seeking further information in regard to the question taken on notice at the 2014-15 Budget estimates for Community Services and Disability Services and Reform.

Please find enclosed my response. I trust that the information provided addresses the Committee's needs.

Should you or your staff require any further information, please contact Mr David Moody, Acting Director, Strategic Planning on 9096 8549.

Yours sincerely

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PAEC Budget Estimates Questionnaire – Clarification Question

1. Regarding the Department's response to Question 12 from the Committee's 2014-15 Budget Estimates Questionnaire, the Department has indicated that 'The department has achieved these savings associated with sustainable government through a comprehensive restructure of the department'. Please indicate what the 'comprehensive restructure' of the department has consisted of and what evidence the Department considers when determining if savings targets have been achieved.

DHS response

The restructure devolved functions to 17 Local Areas, established within four Divisions. Together with the creation of four functional central groups, this resulted in an overall reduction in non-direct care staffing.