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Government ignores report

8 months, 5 MPs and 4 researchers; all wasted

Premier Alan Carpenter admitted on Wednesday that the State Government had not taken action on any of the 34 recommendations of the Economic and Industry Standing Committee (EISC) *report on the State Government's role in developing and promoting Information Communications Technology (ICT) in Western Australia*.

Liberal Innovation Spokesperson Tony Simpson has criticised the Carpenter Government for ignoring this report and wasting eight months worth of work by five Members of Parliament and four research staff.

"Ignoring this report is the action of an arrogant Government that does not want to listen to qualified advice and is happy to waste taxpayers money," said Mr Simpson.

"This report was written over a period of more than 8 months, involving five Members of Parliament, four researchers, one with a PhD and numerous experts who contributed to the report.

"The report provided the Government with 34 recommendations. No one expects the Government to adopt every single one, but you would think they would have adopted at least some of them over the past year.

"ICT is becoming an increasingly important part of our economy and this Government needs to start taking it seriously.

"They could start by taking a look at this report and using some of its recommendations to help make Western Australia a more competitive player in the global economy."