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Financial Management Amendment Bill 2021 (No 2) – Interim Government Response**

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Dear Chair *ELIZABETH*

I am writing to you to provide an update on the Financial Management Bill 2021 (No.2) (the Bill), particularly in relation to the Committee's inquiry and report into the Bill.

The report contained six recommendations, some of which overlapped with recommendations made by the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role). At the core of recommendations in both reports was whether the Framework should be determined by notifiable or disallowable instrument and the application of the framework to Legislative Assembly and Officers of the Legislative Assembly.

I have committed to stakeholders to consult extensively on the insourcing framework before listing the Bill for debate in the Assembly. I also made this commitment to the Committee during the hearings in February. This consultation includes discussion about the appropriateness of a disallowable or notifiable instrument, as well as consideration of the independence of the Clerk and the Officers of the Legislative Assembly.

I can advise that consultation is underway. The draft insourcing framework has been provided to two key stakeholder groups, the ACTPS secure employment reference group and the ACT Unions secure employment reference group. Both groups are scheduled to meet this month to provide detailed feedback on the framework. It has also been provided to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and to the Officers of the Legislative Assembly for discussion and feedback. Following consultation with the two reference groups, I will engage broadly across the Territory – including with the not-for-profit community sector and the business community.

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As consultations are still in progress, it has not been possible to finalise the Framework.

I do not think it would be genuine or respectful to provide a Government response to the matters raised by the Committee without finalising the Framework. As such, please consider this correspondence as an interim response to the report.

Officials will continue consultations and further develop the Framework. Once this work has concluded and a draft Framework has been finalised, I will write again to you and outline the Government's substantive responses to the matters the Committee raised in the report, prior to the Bill being debated in the Assembly. The Committee's recommendations are being considered as work on the Framework progresses.

Once the Framework has been finalised and prior to the Bill being debated in the Assembly, I would be happy to arrange a briefing for the Committee from Officials.

Yours sincerely



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