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Dear Ms Barry

I am writing in response to comments made by the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs (Legislative Scrutiny Role) in Scrutiny Report 14 (the Scrutiny Report) in relation to the Family, Personal and Sexual Violence Amendment Bill 2025 (the Bill). I thank the Committee for its consideration of the amendments in this Bill.

I confirm that the Justice and Community Safety Directorate (JACS) is considering the Committee's recommendations and necessary amendments to the Explanatory Statement to address the matters raised regarding clauses 91, 113, 124, 125, 132, 180 and 190 of the Bill relating to the *Bail Act 1992*, *Crimes Act 1900*, *Crimes (Restorative Justice) Act*, *2004 Crimes (Sentencing) Act 2004*, *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1991*, *Residential Tenancies Act 1997*, and *Victims of Crime (Financial Assistance) Act 2016* respectively.

I note that the Committee's Inquiry into the Bill is still ongoing, and further revisions to the Explanatory Statement may be recommended by the Committee through this process. Therefore, I will provide a Revised Explanatory Statement to the Committee which incorporates amendments recommended by the Scrutiny Report and responding to the Inquiry at a later stage, prior to the debate of the Bill.

I look forward to our ongoing engagement regarding this Bill.

Sincerely

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