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Dear Mr Cocks

Thank you for your letter of 17 February 2026 about the ACT Government response to Report 2: Inquiry into the effectiveness of transparency arrangements for Members of the Legislative Assembly – interim report.

I can confirm that the Government response as tabled in the Assembly on 4 December 2025 agreed to recommendation 3 in its entirety. As part of this, all future Annual Report Directions will include the instruction for the inclusion of ministerial staffing expenditure in the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate Annual Report.

However, as I have previously outlined in the Chamber regarding the publishing of Ministerial staffing expenditure in annual reports, this information cannot be published consistent with the Assembly's approach as the Executive does not pledge, does not roll over allocations, and does not produce unused expenditure allocations in the same way as staff of non-executive Members. The Government will report in a manner that is consistent with the approach adopted in the Legislative Assembly's annual report, which provides, by Member's name, how much has been spent on staffing arrangements.

I hope the above information clarifies the position of the ACT Government and assists the Committee in its deliberations.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Minister

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