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Dear Chair *JAMES*

Further to my correspondence last week regarding Hearings of the Select Committee on Estimates and to our meeting earlier this afternoon, I am writing to confirm the hybrid arrangements the Committee has agreed to.

As noted, the Government has been ready to commence the Estimates process to ensure scrutiny of the 2022-23 Appropriation Bills.

The Government welcomes the Committee's agreement to the hybrid model proposed last week. This approach will enable Ministers and Directors-General, and Deputy Directors-General (as needed) to appear in person before the Committee. All other Officials will attend online. Social distancing, mask wearing, cleaning, and other measures should also be offered and adhered to.

The above model will assist the Government, both Ministers and Officials, to discharge their duty to keep public servants safe.

To assist the Committee, the Government has agreed to review the risk assessment prepared for the hybrid model above. This review will be considered by the Government as consultation for the purposes of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*, as it will engage with and consequentially reflect the interest of all those required to attend the Estimate Hearings in person. The Government will endeavour to undertake the review as quickly as possible.

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The agreed hybrid model can be instituted once the WorkSafe prohibition notice has been lifted. Should this not occur before the scheduled commencement of the Hearings tomorrow, the Government stands ready and willing to commence these Hearings online.

I thank the Committee for their decision and again advise that myself, my Office and Officials from the Chief Minister, Economic Development and Treasury Directorate stand ready to assist the Committee.

Yours sincerely



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