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**Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing - Report No. 8 - Inquiry
into Period Products and Facilities (Access) Bill 2022**

Government Response

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Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

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Dear Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Thank you for the committee's report on the inquiry into the Private Member's Bill: *the Period Products and Facilities (Access) Bill 2022* (the Bill).

The draft Bill is underscored by a commitment to reduce inequalities and facilitate the full participation of people who menstruate in society. The ACT Government is fully committed to ensuring equitable health outcomes and participation for all Canberrans.

The ACT Government has reviewed the Private Member's Bill and notes the recommendations made by the Committee. I note Ms Orr is the Private Member responsible for the Bill and may consider amendments to the Bill in response to items raised by the Committee prior to the Bill's debate.

This government remains committed to improving equitable access to healthcare and eliminating stigma surrounding menstruation and menstrual products. We will continue to examine how the government can support legislation of this nature and will work with Ms Orr regarding any further amendments that may be proposed.

Yours sincerely

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