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Dear Mr Emerson

Thank you for your correspondence regarding Question on Notice 22 from the Standing Committee on Social Policy's (the Committee) *Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023-24*.

As outlined in the Companion to the Standing Orders "Continuing resolution 8B was established in response to a recommendation of the Select Committee on Privileges 2010 that the Legislative Assembly adopt a resolution clarifying its position with regard to claims of immunity from answering questions or providing documents made by witnesses..."

My response to the Question on Notice did not make a claim of confidentiality. Rather, it noted the information requested may include confidential information and that Freedom of Information (FOI) processes would be the appropriate mechanism for that information to be requested and assessed. Relevant FOI requests have already been processed and released, including:

- the Incoming Government Brief prepared for the Chief Minister¹; and
- incoming briefs for the Corrective Services portfolio²;
- incoming briefs for the Police, Fire and Emergency Services portfolio³;
- incoming briefs for Gaming Reform portfolio⁴; and
- incoming briefs for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence portfolio⁵.

¹ FOI #CMTEDDOI 2024-408, https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/2817205/2024-408.pdf

² FOI #JACS2025-310, <https://www.justice.act.gov.au/about-us/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/disclosure-logs/jacs2025-310>

³ *ibid*

⁴ *ibid*

⁵ FOI #FOI-CSD-24/14, <https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/home/disclosure-log/disclosure-logs/foi-csd-2414>

In the context of the Committee's inquiry into agencies' annual and financial reports for 2023-24 and your request for handover briefing documents prepared during the 2024 caretaker period for the incoming Government/Minister(s), I consider that the Freedom of Information remain the appropriate mechanism for this information to be sought.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Suzanne Orr', written in a cursive style.

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