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Dear Ms Barry

I am writing regarding the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs' request for a response regarding seven appointments made to the Sentence Administration Board (DI2025-47 to DI202552 made on 14 May 2025 and DI2025-69 made on 2 June 2025).

The Committee expressed concern that the Explanatory Statements for the appointment instruments did not state whether the appointees were public servants and requested confirmation that each appointee is not a public servant before the expiry of the disallowable period, which is 16 September 2025.

I thank the Committee for its comments in relation to these instruments. While one of the appointees is an official in the Commonwealth public service, the definition of "public servant" in the *Legislation Act 2001* dictionary only applies to ACT public servants. Accordingly, I confirm that none of the appointees are public servants for the purposes of these appointments.

I have requested that the Justice and Community Safety Directorate and Parliamentary Counsel's Office take steps ensure that the Committee's comments on appointments are addressed in future Explanatory Statements for appointment instruments.

I trust the above addresses the matters raised in the Report.

Sincerely

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