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Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role)

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Dear Mrs Jones

Thank you for your letter of 27 April 2017 about access to Australian standards. Action is already being taken in two fora.

Community access to Australian Standards has been an ongoing issue of discussion across jurisdictions, involving national, state and territory libraries, including Libraries ACT, and the Standards license holder SAI Global. Whilst I appreciate the Committee's suggestion that I engage in this matter, I consider it appropriate to allow these discussions regarding community access to continue with the stakeholders already involved.

In addition, the matter will also be considered by the COAG Industry Skills Council, after representations by the Western Australian Government in its response to the *Access to Australian Standards Adopted in Delegated Legislation* report. This will allow for the issue to be considered at the Ministerial level across jurisdictions.

I will keep the Committee apprised of developments as they occur.

Thank you again for your letter. I have copied this response to Minister Fitzharris.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Barr'.

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