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Ms Joy Burch MLA
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Dear Madam ^{Joy} Speaker

Thank you for your letter of 14 April 2020 requesting feedback in relation to the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedures consideration of the current Legislative Assembly Standing Committee structure.

I note that this consideration extends from the Standing Committee's Report 16 entitled *Inquiry into the Review of the Performance of the Three Branches of Government in the Australian Capital Territory against Latimer House Principles* which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 20 February 2020.

A review of the committee structures is useful and requires input from across the Executive. However, given the COVID-19 Health Emergency, you would appreciate that the current focus of the Executive is to manage the ACT Government's response. Consequently, I am not in a position to provide a more detailed response at this time.

I would suggest the Standing Committee consider deferring any review of the committee structure until the 10th Assembly. The committee structures and roles are agreed by Assembly members at the beginning of a new term when the Committees and their memberships are established. Members could be provided with the Standing Committee's reports and recommendations and take them into account when establishing the committees. In addition, the lessons learnt by committees operating during COVID-19 could also inform these deliberations.

I thank the Standing Committee for the work undertaken to date in relation to reviewing the committee structure.

Yours sincerely

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