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Dear Ms Barry *Chiaka*

Thank you for providing Scrutiny Report 8 (the Report) of 26 August 2025 and the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs (the Committee) comments on the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Amendment (Professional Indemnity Insurance) Regulation 2025* (the Regulation). I thank the Committee for its consideration of the Regulation and offer the following comments in relation to the matters that the Committee has raised.

I note the Committee has requested a response to the following:

- *2.66: The Committee draws this matter to the attention of the Legislative Assembly, under paragraph (9)(d) of the Committee's resolution of appointment, on the basis that the explanatory statement for this National Law does not meet the technical or stylistic standards expected by the Committee and asks the Minister to respond before the Legislative Assembly's capacity to move to disallow the National Law expires.*

In response to the Committee's comment at paragraph 2.66 I can advise that an explanatory statement was prepared to accompany the Regulation. However, due to an administrative oversight, the explanatory statement was not tabled alongside the Regulation. I have now attached a copy of the explanatory statement for consideration by the Committee.

I apologise for this oversight and thank the Committee for drawing it to my attention.

Yours sincerely



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Encl. Explanatory Statement - Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Amendment (Professional Indemnity Insurance) Regulation 2025