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Mrs Guilia Jones MLA
Chair
Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role)
ACT Legislative Assembly
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mrs Jones

I am writing to respond to the Committee's concerns raised in Scrutiny Report 27 of 18 February 2019 about the appointment of Mrs Narelle Hargreaves OAM, Mrs Tracey Whetnall and Mrs Tracey Lea Harris as Official Visitors for the purposes of the *Children and Young People Act 2008* (Disallowable Instrument D2018-295).

On behalf of the Committee, you sought an explanation as to why it has been necessary to revoke and re-make the instrument, within such a short period of time.

On 11 September 2018 the Public Trustee and Guardian briefed me, in my capacity as responsible Minister for the *Official Visitor Act 2012*, seeking the re-appointment of Mrs Hargreaves OAM, Mrs Whetnall and Mrs Lea Harris as Official Visitors.

The Disallowable Instrument and Explanatory Statement attached to that briefing inadvertently recorded an incorrect termination date of 7 April 2019 instead of 30 June 2019 for two of the Official Visitors (Mrs Whetnall and Mrs Harris).

To correct the error, it was necessary to revoke the current Disallowable Instrument and create a new Disallowable Instrument with the correct end date to ensure continuity of the appointments.

I trust this adequately responds to the Committee's concerns.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Justice, Consumer Affairs and Road Safety

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