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Dear Mrs Jones

I write in response to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role) (the Committee) Scrutiny Report No. 30 (the Report), which was released on 30 April 2019. This letter addresses comments made by the Committee on the Disallowable Instrument (DI) to appoint two new members to the ACT Veterinary Practitioners Board (DI2019-24) under subsection 93(2) of the *Veterinary Practice Act 2018* (the Act).

Subsection 93(4) of the Act that requires that the member who is not a veterinary practitioner must live in the ACT has been met by the appointed member but was mistakenly not addressed in the explanatory statement.

Subsection 96(2) of the Act requires that the Minister must seek advice, and nominations, from declared professional bodies and any other entities the Minister considers suitable to give advice, and nominations, in relation to the board. This requirement has been met by seeking nominations for the role of a member who is a veterinary practitioner from:

a) the ACT division of the Australian Veterinary Association;
b) Charles Sturt University; and
c) Sydney University.

I apologise for the oversight in not fully addressing the requirements specified in the Act.

I have instructed TCCS to ensure that all future explanatory statements contain relevant discussion in relation to the requirements of board appointments under the Act.

I trust that this addresses the Committee's comments.

Yours sincerely

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