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Mrs Giulia Jones MLA
Chair
Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role)
ACT Legislative Assembly
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Dear Mrs Jones

I write in relation to comments made by the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role) (the Committee) in its Scrutiny Report 39 in relation to the Disallowable Instrument DI2019-286 being the Animal Welfare (Advisory Committee Member) Appointment 2019 (No 2) (the instrument).

I thank the Committee for its comments relating to whether the instrument has been validly made and whether persons appointed by the instrument are not public servants. Responses to the Committee's comments are provided below.

As indicated in my response to Scrutiny Report 37, the *Animal Welfare Act 1992* was amended in October 2019 to change the instrument of establishment of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee from a Notifiable Instrument to a Disallowable Instrument. I confirm that NI2015-219 being the Animal Welfare (Advisory Committee) Establishment 2015 will be remade as a disallowable instrument and will include a transitional clause to ensure that appointments including those made in the instrument continue to apply.

In relation to your comments regarding stylistic standards expected by the Committee, I can confirm that none of the appointees listed on the Instrument are public servants and that any new appointments will reflect this in the Explanatory Statement.

I trust the above responses provide the Committee with clarification and addresses their concerns.

Yours sincerely

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