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Dear Mrs Jones

I refer to Report 39 dated 17 February 2020 of the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety Scrutiny, Legislative Scrutiny (the Committee) and the comments made on Disallowable Instrument DI2019-283, Major Events (ICC T20 Women's World Cup 2020) Declaration 2019 (No 1).

I provide the following response:

- (i) *Declaration of the International Cricket Council T20 Women's World Cup 2020 as a Major Event under the Major Events Act 2014 (the Act)*

The rationale for making a declaration under the Act for this event was because the Executive was satisfied that the requirements of subsection 6(2) and (3) of the Act applied.

Although the Tournament's name indicates that these events are 'international' in nature, I note that the explanatory statement accompanying the declaration would have provided additional transparency for the making of the declaration if those considerations had been included in the explanatory statement.

As you would be aware, six international teams and the Australian team competed in Canberra during the Tournament. Canberra hosted five matches featuring Australia, Bangladesh, England, South Africa, Thailand, West Indies and Pakistan. The matches were broadcast nationally and internationally through ICC Global Broadcast partner, Star Sports and appointed licensees. Further, the event attracted a large media contingent who were present during the Tournament.

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Given the nature of these types of events they generate significant tourism opportunities and economic spending for the Canberra region with visitors from interstate and overseas that include spectators, players sponsors, media and match officials. These events also significantly raise the ACT's international profile and attract significant sponsorship and media coverage as noted above. The Executive considered that the hosting of this Tournament as a major event would further enhance Canberra's reputation as a world class events and tourism destination.

Interest in world cup women's cricket is significantly on the increase and such events promote further interest while assisting the government's efforts for juniors participating in sport. Importantly, such tournaments are promoted to the multicultural community by the International Cricket Council which also has a comprehensive community engagement program. These arrangements provide substantial cultural and social benefits to the Canberra community.

*(ii) Additional Public Notice*

Details of the declaration, constituting additional public notices, were available on the:

- Manuka Oval website via <https://manukaoval.com.au/ticketing/conditions-of-entry/>; and
- Events ACT website via <http://events.act.gov.au/major-events-canberra/icc-women-s-t20-world-cup>.

Details of the declaration were also in placed on signage at entry gates to Manuka Oval. The declaration is also published on the ACT Legislation Register via <https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/View/di/2019-283/current/PDF/2019-283.PDF>.

I note the Committee's comments and advise they will be reflected in any future explanatory statement declarations made under the Act.

Yours sincerely

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