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Dear Ms ~~Barry~~ *Chiaka*

I refer to Scrutiny Report No 9 of 10 September 2025, in which the Committee requested information on the reason for the increase in fees in the Explanatory Statement for Disallowable Instrument DI2025-93 being the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products (Fees) Determination 2025 (No 1). I acknowledge the oversight in not including this information in the Explanatory Statement.

The increase in fees is in line with the 2025-26 ACT Government initiative titled 'Investing in public services – Strengthening Access Canberra's service delivery'. The increase will support Access Canberra's expansion of the Common Licensing Capability platform to include these fees determined under the *Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1927*.

Please find enclosed a revised Explanatory Statement with the reason for the increase, which I intend to table in the Legislative Assembly this week.

I hope this response addresses your concerns and thank you for bringing this issue to my attention.

Yours sincerely



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Enc. Revised Explanatory Statement - DI2025-93 Tobacco and Other Smoking Products (Fees) Determination 2025 (No 1)

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