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Dear Ms Barry *Chiaka*

I am writing to you regarding the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs' request for a response regarding the Explanatory Statement for the Victims of Crime (Financial Assistance) Amendment Regulation 2025 (No 1), SL2025-9 which was notified on 30 June 2025.

The Committee noted that the Explanatory Statement did not contain discussion of possible human rights issues raised by the subordinate legislation and requested a response regarding this topic before the expiry of the disallowable period, which is 23 September 2025.

I thank the Committee for raising this comment and providing the opportunity to clarify. I can confirm that amendments to the Victims of Crime (Financial Assistance) Regulation 2016 brought about by SL2025-9 do not engage human rights as prescribed under the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

I have brought this matter to the attention of relevant Business Units within the Justice and Community Safety Directorate to ensure that explanatory statements for any future subordinate legislation made under the *Victims of Crime (Financial Assistance) Act 2016* meet the technical and stylistic standards expected by the Committee by including a statement confirming that there are no human rights impacts where that is the case.

I trust that the above addresses the Committee's comment.

Sincerely

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