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Legislative Assembly for the ACT
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Dear Minister

Question response: Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–24

I write on behalf of the Standing Committee on Social Policy in relation to your response to Questions on Notice 29 and 30 for the above inquiry, dated 28 February 2025 (Attachments A and B).

The Committee notes that your response includes a claim of confidentiality in relation to the production of the requested information. Parliamentary privilege overrides this claim. To manage these situations, the Assembly has passed continuing resolution 8B that uses a public interest test.

If there is no harm to the public interest, the Committee requests that you provide a copy of the requested materials via email to the Committee Secretary.

Where there is a harm to the public interest, the Committee requests that you provide a statement in accordance with continuing resolution 8B specifying the following:

- The harm to the public interest that could arise from the public disclosure of the handover briefing documents requested; and
- Whether the harm would accrue from providing the material as confidential evidence.

Please provide your statement via email to the Committee Secretary **by 5.00 pm on 21 March 2025**.

Any queries can be directed through the Committee Secretary, Ms Katie Langham, on (02) 6207 5498 or at LACommitteeSP@parliament.act.gov.au

Yours sincerely

Mr Thomas Emerson MLA
Chair

14 March 2025