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Mr Peter Cain MLA

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Dear Mr ~~Cain~~, *Peter*

I write regarding the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role) Scrutiny Report 20 (the Report) containing comments on Disallowable Instrument DI2022-107 being the Juries (Payment) Determination 2022 (the Determination).

At page 25 of the Report the Committee seeks my advice in explaining the reasons why jury payments under the Determination have increased by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and not the Wage Price Index (WPI).

The reasons why jury payment have increased by the CPI, rather than the WPI include:

- a. Jury payments are provided as an allowance to compensate jurors for out-of-pocket expenses; and
- b. From a budget appropriation perspective, jury payments are an expense payment which are increased by CPI. Jury payments have consistently been increased by CPI over the years.

Jurors can also, where appropriate, seek to apply for reimbursement of other expenses incurred as a result of their service under section 51A of the *Juries Act 1967*.

I thank the Committee for its consideration of this matter.

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