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Dear Chair

I am writing in response to the comment made by the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety on DI2022-70 Working with Vulnerable People Background Checking (Fees) Determination 2022 (No 1).

The Committee requested information about the use of Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Working with Vulnerable People Background Checking (Fees) Determination 2022 (No 1) rather than the Wage Price Index (WPI) used by other instruments discussed in the Scrutiny Report.


Fees for Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) registration are reviewed annually and in line with advice in the Annual Budget Memo issued by Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate in May. Advice provided to Community Services Directorate (CSD) in May 2022 was that the CPI forecast rate for 2022-23 was 3 per cent. Given the economic uncertainty in May 2022 when the fee review occurred, and that fact that the Fair Work Minimum Wage determination was not available until later in the year, a decision was taken to increase the fee for WWVP registration and renewal by CPI of 3 per cent for 2022-23 rather than WPI, later confirmed to be 3.25 per cent.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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