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Dear Ms Barry

Thank you to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs (Legislative Scrutiny Role) for its comments on subordinate law SL2026, the *Legal Profession (Barristers) Rules 2026* in *Scrutiny Report 16*. I note that you requested a response before the Legislative Assembly's capacity to move to disallow that law expires.

Section 579 of the *Legal Profession Act 2006* (the Act) empowers the ACT Bar Association to make rules for, or in relation to, practice as a barrister. The drafting of the Explanatory Statement for subordinate law made under this provision is a matter for the ACT Bar Association.

The Justice and Community Safety Directorate has provided the Committee's comments to the ACT Bar Association and recommended that the Explanatory Statement for the instrument be revised to include a human rights assessment. The ACT Bar Association has advised that this will be done no later than close of business 17 April 2026.

I expect that the revised Explanatory Statement will address the matters raised in the Committee's report.

Sincerely

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Thank you for
your assistance.

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