Mrs Giulia Jones MLA

Chair

Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

ACT Legislative Assembly

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Dear Mrs Jones

I write to provide a response to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role) – Scrutiny Report No. 14 of 19 February 2018 (the Scrutiny Report).

On pages 6 and 7 of the Scrutiny Report, the Committee notes that the explanatory statement for Disallowable Instrument DI2017-311, the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regular Route Services Maximum Fares Determination 2017* made under section 23 of the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Act 2001*, did not include an explanation of the reasons for the fare increase.

This fare increase is consistent with increases in the previous two years. Periodic modest increases to public transport fares enable Transport Canberra to partially meet operational costs, which also increase over time.

In relation to disallowable instrument DI2017 -313 Veterinary Surgeons (Acting Member) Appointment 2017,
I can confirm to the Committee that Dr Sarah Webb is not a public servant. Dr Webb was appointed to temporarily act as a member of the Veterinary Surgeons Board.  My Directorate apologises for this oversight and notes that it should have provided information to this effect in the explanatory statement.

Yours sincerely

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