Mrs Giulia Jones MLA

Chair

Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role)

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Dear Mrs Jones

I am writing to respond to Scrutiny Report 31 of the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety in its Legislative Scrutiny Role (the Committee). In the Report, the Committee made comments on:

* DI2019-26 - Legal Aid (Commissioner—Law Society Nominee) Appointment 2019, and
* DI2019-27 - Legal Aid (Commissioner—ACTCOSS Nominee) Appointment 2019.

I thank the Committee for its comments in relation to above instruments and provide the following response.

I confirm that Ms Susan Helyar is not a public servant.

The reference to Ms Sherman in the explanatory statement for Ms Helyar’s instrument of appointment was a result of an unintentional typographic error. The relevant sentence should have read ‘Ms Helyar is not a legal practitioner and is not a public servant’.

A revised explanatory statement has replaced the affected explanatory statement on the ACT Legislation Register.

I trust the above information addresses the matters raised in your correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Attorney-General