Mrs Giulia Jones MLA

Chair

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

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Dear Mrs Jones

I write in response to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety’s Scrutiny Report
No 14 of 19 February 2018, which comments on Disallowable Instrument DI2018-2 – the Legal Aid (Review Committee Panels) Appointment 2018 (the DI).

I refer to the Committee’s request for a response concerning confirmation that the proposed appointees, Mrs Julie Hannah, Ms Briony Martin, Mr Dominic Mulligan, Ms Katrina Musgrove, Mr Seyi Onitiri, Ms Rebecca Curran, and Mr Timothy Crispin are not public servants for the purposes of paragraph 227(2)(a) of the *Legislation Act 2001*.

I can confirm that the proposed appointees are not public servants and so the requirements of Division 19.3.3 of the Legislation Act, in particular, that the appointment is a disallowable instrument, have been met.

I note your comment that the Committee has requested that explanatory statements include a statement to the effect that ‘this is not a public service appointment’ and I have instructed my Directorate to include these words in future explanatory statements.

I thank the Committee for its report and careful consideration of the appointment.

Yours sincerely

Gordon Ramsay MLA

Attorney-General