Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

Chair

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

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Dear Ms Lee

Thank you for your Committee’s Scrutiny Report number 20 (the Report), dated 7 August 2018. The report commented on a number of Attorney General (Fees) Determinations.

The Committee sought my advice as to why fees determinations do not conform with the *subordinate legislation – Technical and stylistic standards – tips / traps* (the Technical and Stylistic Standards) and there is a level of inconsistency amongst instruments in their wordings and manifestation*.*

I agree that disallowable instruments that determine fees, for the purposes of various Acts need to comply with the Technical and Stylistic Standards. This includes a indication of fee increases either in the instrument itself or in the Explanatory Statement, as well as:

1. The amount of the ‘old’ and ‘new’ fees, if there is any
2. Percentage increase and reason for any increase
3. The basis of rounding
4. By whom the fee is payable
5. To who the fee is payable.

My Directorate will work with relevant administrative units including Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate and adopt a consistent approach to drafting fee deteminations, to address the comments raised by the Committee.

I thank the Committee for its consideration of these disallowable instruments.

Yours sincerely

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