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Ms Tabatha Badger MP
Chair
House of Assembly Select Committee on Caretaker Conventions

By email: caretaker@parliament.tas.gov.au

RE: Invitation to provide a submission

Dear Chair

Thank you for your letter of 9 April 2026 on behalf of the House of Assembly Select Committee on Caretaker Conventions inviting me to provide a submission.

In relation to paragraph (1)(b) of the resolution of the House of Assembly Select Committee on Caretaker Conventions, which relates to Tasracing and "TasInsure", I note that I have previously provided answers on this matter on a number of occasions, including during Government Business Enterprise Scrutiny and in the House of Assembly.

The Head of the State Service, responsible for caretaker conventions and the integrity of their application across the State Service, conducted an inquiry into this matter last year. Following that inquiry, the Head of the State Service was satisfied with the explanation provided and with the manner in which the Tasracing Board responded to the issue.

In relation to the Committee's letter of 9 April 2026 inviting Mr Luke Gaetani to provide a submission, I note that, as Minister, I am responsible and accountable to the House of Assembly for the actions of my office, including the advice and assistance provided by ministerial staff.

Consistent with long-standing practice under our system of responsible government, ministerial staff are accountable through their Minister, rather than directly to the Parliament. Should the Committee require factual or technical information, my office will also assist in facilitating appropriate responses through the usual channels.

I wish to assure the Committee of my full cooperation with its work. I am willing to appear before the Committee, or otherwise respond in writing, to answer questions on any matters raised in the Committee's terms of reference.

I acknowledge and respect the important role of the Committee in scrutinising matters of public administration.

Yours sincerely



Hon Jane Howlett MP

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