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House of Assembly Select Committee on Caretaker Conventions

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Dear Chair,

Thank you for your further correspondence of 18 August 2026.

As advised in my earlier correspondence, I received updated advice on 25 July 2025 indicating the need to increase the borrowing limit for TT-Line. On 26 July 2025 I consulted the then-Shadow Treasurer, Mr Josh Willie in accordance with Caretaker Conventions. The increase to TT-Line's borrowing limit was announced following my phone call with Mr Willie.

As the Committee would be aware, Caretaker Conventions do not require that the Government has not yet formed a view or intended position on a matter prior to consulting. I can confirm that when I spoke to Mr Willie regarding this matter it was my intent to approve an increase in the borrowing limit, consistent with advice that I had received. Nothing in my conversation with Mr Willie altered this view, and as such I proceeded with that decision and made a public announcement later that afternoon of 26 July.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Committee's inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Guy Barnett MP
Deputy Premier