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The Chair
ACT Remuneration Tribunal
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Dear Chair

I write on behalf of the judicial members of the Sentence Administration Board, the Chair (Laura Beacroft) and the Deputy Chair (Don Malcolmson). We made a submission in the 2017 spring hearings of the Tribunal on remuneration for part-time holders of statutory offices. You replied that we needed to provide a copy of an MOU that has been in the process of being negotiated with ACT Corrective Services to provide further support for our submission. I am writing to explain that the negotiations are continuing, and we are not in a position to make any submission in the upcoming hearings. We expect to be able to do so in the following sittings.

FYI, as canvassed in our 2017 submission, the number of persons in custody is increasing in the ACT similar to national trends, and a flow-on is that the numbers in some areas of the Board's work is also increasing, for e.g. numbers of persons on parole and/or an Intensive Correction Order. The work of the Board is becoming more complex, due to the increasingly litigious nature of the Board's work and the drive to reduce recidivism. The Chair and the Deputy are involved with significant reform projects and initiatives, for eg the Chair will shortly be formally appointed as a member of the Victims Advisory Board. Not surprisingly, the Board met on 62 occasions during the 2017/18 financial year compared to 57 occasions in the prior financial year.

Please let me know if I can assist further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'L Beacroft'.

Laura Beacroft
Chair
ACT Sentence Administration Board