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Dear Ms Lambert

Sandra

Under section 10(1) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1995* I have signed the attached instrument in relation to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner and Chair of the Official Visitors Board. I would appreciate it if the Tribunal would inquire into and determine the remuneration and allowances to be paid and other entitlements to be granted to these public offices.

Given the urgency relating to these two positions (as outlined below), I request that the Tribunal consider an out-of-session determination for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner and Official Visitors Board Chair.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner is a statutory office established to promote and protect the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people. The Commissioner will be a full-time statutory office holder. The Commissioner is a level 2 advisory body, within the meaning of the *Review of Remuneration, Allowances And Other Entitlements For Part-Time Public Office Holders: Final Report* of March 2017.

Legislation to establish the Commissioner was passed by the Legislative Assembly on 29 November 2022. The role was established following a recommendation made by the *Our Booris, Our Way* Review into the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the ACT child



protection system and co-design with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. There are strong community expectations regarding the timeliness of this appointment and budget funding was allocated for the Commissioner's office in the 2022-23 Budget. A Remuneration Tribunal determination is required before the Government can initiate a national recruitment process to appointment the inaugural Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner.

I have attached the Terms of Reference and complete Questionnaire to assist the Remuneration Tribunal in making a determination.

Official Visitors Board Chair

The Official Visitors Board is a statutory body established to oversee, manage and support the exercise of functions by official visitors under the *Official Visitors Act 2012*.

The Board is a level 2 advisory body, within the meaning of the *Review Of Remuneration, Allowances And Other Entitlements For Part-Time Public Office Holders: Final Report* of March 2017.

The term of the current Chair (the Deputy Director-General, Justice, Justice and Community Safety Directorate) ends in early September 2023. The Minister for Human Right's expectation is that the next chair will be an independent, external appointment, recruited through a public process. An out-of-session determination is sought as there is not currently a determination for this role, which is required prior to a formal recruitment process.

I have **attached** the Board's Terms of Reference and completed Public Office Holder Questionnaire to assist the Remuneration Tribunal in making a determination.

If further information is required, please contact Gabrielle McKinnon on 02 6205 3158 or email gabrielle.mckinnon@act.gov.au

I would like to thank the Remuneration Tribunal for assisting with the determination for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner and Chair of the Official Visitors Board.

Yours sincerely



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14 December 2022

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