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Adele
Dear Chair

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION – INQUIRY INTO PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

I refer to your correspondence of 16 September 2019, requesting information regarding previous and current Government responses to the 2004 Report No 7 of the Standing Committee on Public Administration and Finance of the Legislative Council relating to The Impact of State Government Actions and Processes on the Use and Enjoyment of Freehold and Leasehold Land in Western Australia (the Report).

I have just been made aware of your letter and must advise you that due to an administrative error, it was incorrectly referred to Western Power for advice instead of Energy Policy WA (EPWA), which has now been done.

However, I note that you seek the current Government's position on each recommendation contained within the Report. Even if this request was initially referred to the appropriate agency for advice to Government, it would not have been feasible to determine the current Government's attitude in respect of 37 recommendations made some 15 years ago in the space of 14 days which was subsequently extended for another 14 days.

Responding to the questions asked will take some considerable time and will involve the standard Cabinet process.

I have asked EPWA to expedite the provision of its advice to me with respect to the issues raised with a view to a cabinet submission being prepared urgently after I have considered that advice.

I will keep you informed of the Governments progress in considering the matters you have raised.

Yours sincerely

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