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Dear Mr Barnier

Question on Notice – Public hearing of the Standing Committee on Government Business Administration B

I refer to the letter from Ms Haddad MP, Chair of Standing Committee on Government Administration B regarding a Question on Notice following my appearance with Minister Ellis before the Standing Committee on Government Administration B on 9 December 2025.

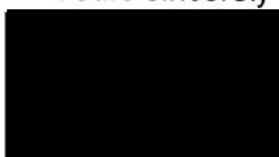
The Question on Notice was:

Please explain what communications were had between the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania and Tasracing at or around the time Mr. Murrihy's final report was publicly released.

In response, I advise:

- From a search of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania's records a copy of the Murrihy Report was not provided to Tasracing by the officers responsible for management of the Murrihy review process prior to the release of the Report by the Government.
- The Government publicly released the Final Murrihy Report on 31 January 2024, along with the *Government response to the Independent Review into Harness Racing – Murrihy Final Report – January 2024*.
- As Secretary, I was responsible for oversight and coordination of the implementation of the Government's response to the Murrihy Report. In early February 2024 I formally established an Implementation Committee that included Tasracing.
- Copies of the Implementation Report outlining the Findings (11, 12, and 14) that were the responsibility of Tasracing and the actions taken can be found on the Department's website at: www.nre.tas.gov.au/about-the-department/reviews-and-reports/racing/independent-racing-investigation.

Yours sincerely



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SECRETARY

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