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Mr Todd Buttsworth
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House of Assembly
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Dear Mr Buttsworth

I am contacting you following the recent resignation to Her Excellency of Adam Brooks MP, Member for Braddon, and Government member of this select committee. I write on behalf of the Government to request that the committee adjourn its current work until such time that the House of Assembly has an opportunity to appoint a replacement Government member.

Of course, Mr Brooks has stated that his resignation is due to ill health on medical advice.

I am advised that the current Terms of Reference of this committee, unlike some other committees, do not provide for substitute members. Given the importance of the work of this committee to many stakeholders and the wider community, it is untenable that the committee attempt to continue without its full membership resolved.

I trust that this request is acceptable to the committee as reasonable in the circumstances. Subject to your advice to confirm this, I can commit to Government support in the House of Assembly for an extension of the reporting date.

Yours sincerely

Michael Ferguson MP
Leader of the House

Cc. Mr Mark Shelton MP, Chair, House of Assembly Select Committee on Firearms Legislation and Policy