



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

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Hon Ivan Dean MLC
Chair
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Dear Chair *Ivan*

Thank you for your letter regarding questions on notice provided to the Public Accounts Committee Inquiry into the Government's economic and health expenditure response to the COVID19 pandemic.

With regard to your request for a list of applicants for the COVID-19 Business Support and Grants, I have considered the matter in consultation with the Minister for Small Business, Hospitality and Events, Hon Sarah Courtney MP, and taken advice from the Secretary of the Department of State Growth, Kim Evans.

Noting the Department of State Growth's advice that there is potential to cause harm through publicly identifying individual grant recipients, I would be happy to instead provide a list of the successful recipients for each program to the Committee on an in-camera basis. To facilitate this, I propose that the Secretary of the Department of State Growth and the Minister for Small Business, Hospitality and Events attend an in-camera hearing on this matter.

This hearing will provide an opportunity for the Secretary to provide the information directly to the Committee on an in-camera basis and to outline the process followed by the Department in administering these important programs.

I trust that this approach will fulfil the committee's request.

Yours sincerely


Peter Gutwein MP
Premier

cc: Ms Natasha Exel, Inquiry Secretary