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Dear Premier

I refer to the letter from the Hon Ruth Forrest MLC, Chair of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts dated 3 October 2024, in which the Committee resolved to ask for further details at your and Mr Craig Limkin's scheduled public hearing on 18 November 2024, with respect to:

1. What, if any, advice was provided by the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPAC) to TT-Line, outside of the general caretaker convention letter that was provided to agencies, government business enterprises and state-owned corporations during the election period.

As stated in DPAC's response to Questions on Notice posed during your House of Assembly Estimates Committee Hearings, DPAC did not provide advice to the State-owned Company TT-Line about an additional payment made to Rauma Marine Constructions (RMC).

During the 2024 caretaker period, DPAC maintained a record of requests for advice received and responses provided in relation to the application of the caretaker conventions. There is no record of any engagement by DPAC in providing advice about the payment made by TT-Line to RMC.

Further, DPAC's Information Technology Services branch conducted a search across all Content Manager (Records Management System) datasets, File Drives, OneDrive, Teams and SharePoint using the following search parameters: between 7 February 2024 to 18 April 2024 inclusive "TT Line" or "Rauma Marine Constructions" or "Caretaker" and "TT Line" or "RMC" or "Bernard Dwyer".

This search resulted in finding one record: a letter dated 14 February 2024 from Mr Rob Williams, Acting Secretary DPAC to Mr Bernard Dwyer, then Chief Executive Officer of the TT-Line regarding the caretaker conventions and their application to Government Business Enterprises and State-owned Companies. The Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts already has a copy of this letter.

In addition, DPAC's Information Technology Services branch searched Mr Williams' emails sent and received between 7 February 2024 to 18 April 2024 inclusive for any correspondence related to providing advice to TT-Line. No relevant information was found.

I advise to the best of my knowledge, DPAC did not provide any advice to TT-Line other than the letter about caretaker conventions sent by Mr Williams to all Government Business Enterprises and State-owned Companies.

Should any information be found which is relevant to the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts request, it will be provided to you as a matter of priority.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathrine Morgan-Wicks', written in a cursive style.

Kathrine Morgan-Wicks PSM

**Secretary**

12 November 2024