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Dear Chair

RESPONSE TO JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE REPORT NO. 3: THE MERITS OF APPOINTING A COMMISSIONER FOR ABORIGINAL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Thank you for your letter dated 18 November 2021 seeking a response to the Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Joint Standing Committee) Report No.3 *The Merits of Appointing a Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People* (Report No. 3)

As noted in the Report, the *Commitment to Youth Wellbeing (the Commitment) – first annual Progress Report* released on 28 September 2021 contains the Government's present position on the matter of a Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People. That is, the Government will continue to engage with key stakeholders about whether to establish a distinct Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People as part of the continuing response to the Commitment.

The Government is not in a position to respond to the recommendations contained in Report No. 3 until this engagement has been completed. As such, pursuant to Standing Order 277(1) of the Legislative Assembly, and on behalf of my colleagues in Cabinet, I note Report No. 3.

The recommendations detailed in Report No. 3 outline provisions to drive greater advocacy for Aboriginal children and young people throughout Western Australia. This report, and the previous work of the Joint Standing Committee, will inform further engagement on this matter and add weight to the ongoing discussion across government.

Yours sincerely

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