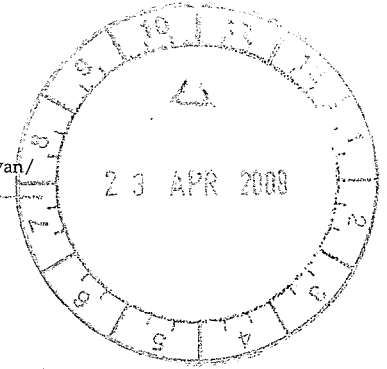




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Dear Mr Grant

COMMITTEE REPORTS: GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Thank you for your letter of 20 March 2008 forwarding the *Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation Report No. 25: University Statutes: Curtin University of Technology- Statute No. 7- The Council; and Murdoch University- Amending Statutes- No. 5 and No. 17* (Tabled paper 3812).

I refer to the two recommendations contained in the Report, namely:

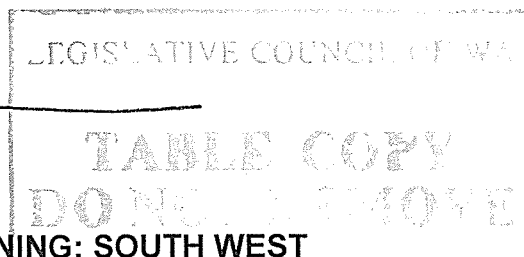
- Recommendation 1: The Committee recommends that the Government amend the *Curtin University of Technology Act 1996* to clarify that the matters set out in subsections 34(1)(e), (ea) and (eb) of that Act are intended to be addressed by statutes, not rules, made under the Act; and
- Recommendation 2: The Committee recommends that the Government amends the *Murdoch University Act 1973* to provide for the tabling in Parliament of, and the application of disallowance procedures to, statutes made pursuant to that Act.

I recognise that avoidance of Parliamentary scrutiny of delegated legislation is a key concern for the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

In this context, please be advised that I support the recommendations contained in the report and commit to ensuring that they are addressed at the next opportunity the relevant Acts are open for substantive amendment.

Yours sincerely

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