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- 6 MAR 2024

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Dear Commissioner,

I refer to your correspondence to the Premier dated 30 October 2023 regarding the Commission's report on its Investigation into political donations facilitated by the Chinese Friends of Labor (Operation Aero).

Your correspondence has been referred to me for response.

As you note in your correspondence, the Operation Aero recommendations were referred to Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (JSCEM) for consideration. In October 2022 the JSCEM resolved to conduct an inquiry into the recommendations. On 14 February 2023 the JSCEM published an issues paper prepared by Associate Professor Yee-Fui Ng, Monash University Faculty of Law (Issues Paper). The JSCEM did not finalise its inquiry prior to the prorogation of the 57th Parliament.

On 12 September 2023, Parliament passed a resolution establishing the JSCEM.

Now that the JSCEM has been established for the 58th Parliament, the Government has referred the recommendations, along with the Issues Paper, for inquiry and report.

If your staff have any queries in relation to this response, [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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