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Dear Mr Blunt,

I refer to report no. 43 of the General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5 entitled *Wambelong fire inquiry evidence*, which was tabled on 21 October 2016.

I note that the report recommended "That Premier's Memorandum: M1998-09: Guidelines for Public Sector Employees Dealing with the Legislative Council's General Purpose Standing Committees be amended to ensure government agencies and their officers are aware of their obligation to provide accurate and complete information when participating in parliamentary inquiries."

I advise that Premier's Memorandum M1998-09 has been revised in accordance with the recommendation in the report, and it has been reissued as Premier's Memorandum M2017-01 *Guidelines for Government Sector Employees dealing with the Legislative Council's Portfolio Committees.* The Memorandum now expressly reminds officers of their obligation to provide accurate and complete evidence when participating in parliamentary inquiries.

I have also updated and reissued the companion Premier's Memoranda M2017-02 *Guidelines for Ministers dealing with the Legislative Council's Portfolio Committees and M2017-03 State Submissions to Inquiries,* for consistency. They replace Premier's Memoranda M1998-10 and M2012-14, respectively.

The revised Memoranda are available on the website of the Department of Premier and Cabinet at http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/announcements.

Yours faithfully,

Gladys Berejiklian MP

Premier