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Dear team at the Public Accountability Committee,

Copied: Greg Ewing, Edmund Ang, Sarnia Rusbridge

This email is to provide Engineers Australia's responses to the question on notice, and a copy of the draft Hansard with some amendments marked.

For amendments to the draft Hansard, please see attached.

Responses to Questions on Notice

1. Provide the number of Fire Safety Engineers in NSW facing hardship

The Engineers Australia National Engineering Register (NER) has 162 people registered in the Fire Safety Engineering area of practice nationally, with 54 resident in NSW. Because the NER is a voluntary tool, it is unlikely that it shows 100% of all fire safety engineers practicing in the state. It is likely that most fire engineers will have faced difficulty in securing PI insurance without a premium price rise in recent months. Anecdotal feedback from members indicates that, for some, the price of insurance has become a very significant component of the cost of doing business. We are not aware of any fire engineer who has ceased practicing due to only being able to secure an insurance contract with exclusions for cladding-related work.

2. Provide the name of any insurer who is still providing PI for Fire Engineers without exclusions for work on cladding.

Engineers Australia is aware of just one insurance broker who can provide PI Insurance without exclusions: Alan Wilson Insurance Brokers, 40 Argyle Street Traralgon Vic 3844, PO Box 1045 Traralgon Vic 3844, W: www.awib.com.au, T: 03 5177 5500.

Thank you,

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