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Thank you for your emails attaching the Committee's invitations to **Sarah Cruickshank** of DPC and **Sarah Lau** of the Premier's Office.

I note that both potential participants have indicated that they do not consider that attendance in person is likely to assist the Committee (in Sarah Lau's case, because the papers produced to the House by the Office of Local Government under Standing Order 52 are a comprehensive record of her role in relation to the Stronger Communities Fund grants process; in Sarah Cruickshank's case, because she did not have direct involvement with the Stronger Communities Fund grants process as Chief of Staff).

In the interests of procedural fairness, I would be grateful if the Committee would consider providing further information as to the particular matters that the Committee expects each witness to speak to. This will assist both witnesses in considering the Committee's invitation and, if it is accepted, with the necessary preparation.

I appreciate that this is a novel request, but it is consistent with paragraph 19 of the <u>Procedural Fairness Resolution</u> of the House which provides that witness will be treated with courtesy at all times.

Kind regards



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