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Dear Chair,

Inquiry into the Transport Asset Holding Entity

I refer to your letter of 11 February 2022 providing me with an opportunity to respond to matters raised by Mr Brendan Lyon in his response to the Public Accountability Committee of 19 January 2022.

I note the material provided by Mr Lyon overlaps substantially with matters previously raised by Mr Lyon with the Committee and to which the former Secretary of Treasury, Mr Pratt, and Treasury senior executives, Mr Midha and Ms Wilkinson addressed in their submission of 30 November 2021.

I also note that the material provided to the Committee by Mr Lyon on 19 January 2022 includes correspondence from the Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet to Mr Lyon of 10 November 2021 inviting Mr Lyon to make a formal complaint to be managed under an inquiry pursuant to the Government Sector Employment Act.

An inquiry of this kind would ensure that Mr Lyon's complaint could be properly considered through a process that affords natural justice and procedural fairness to all parties.

I note that Mr Lyon has declined the invitation from the Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet to lodge a formal complaint, and that the Secretary of DPC has advised Mr Lyon he intends awaiting the outcomes of the Committee's inquiry, and any recommendations by the Committee, before taking any further action (the Secretary's letter of 14 December 2021 to Mr Lyon, and provided by Mr Lyon to the Committee, refers).

As incoming Secretary of Treasury, I also intend to await the outcomes of the Committee's inquiry and recommendations before determining if there are any further steps that I should consider in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Thank you again for the opportunity to respond to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Grimes PSM
Secretary

24 February 2022