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27 June 2023

Mr David Blunt AM
Clerk of the Parliaments and
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Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Re: Government response to Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters on the Adequacy of Funding for Allocation of the NSW Electoral Commission for the 2023 State General Election

Dear Mr Blunt,

I refer to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (**Committee**) report on Government response to Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters on the Adequacy of Funding for Allocation of the NSW Electoral Commission for the 2023 State General Election (**Report**), dated 23 November 2022.

I am pleased to provide the House with the attached NSW Government response to the Committee's Report.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for this letter, and the enclosed document, to be tabled in accordance with Standing Order 240.

Sincerely,

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REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS – ADEQUACY OF FUNDING ALLOCATION OF THE NSW ELECTORAL COMMISSION FOR THE 2023 STATE GENERAL ELECTION

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

A resolution was passed in the Legislative Council on 11 November 2021 that the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (**Committee**) inquire into the 'Adequacy of the funding allocation for the NSW Electoral Commission for the 2023 State General Election'. The Committee released its report (**Report**) on 23 November 2022.

The Government acknowledges the critical role of the NSW Electoral Commission (**NSWEC**) in ensuring robust, fair and democratic elections. The Government recognises the importance of having a strong, well-funded NSWEC for this purpose and notes the recommendation made by the Committee.

Treasury is currently working with the NSWEC to 're-baseline' the level of funding provided to the NSWEC to identify funding requirements in election and non-election years.

The NSWEC's budget proposals, including those that relate to re-baselining funding or which address any structural underfunding, will be considered by the Government as part of the 2023-2024 budget process.