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Dear Mr Pearson,

I write to respond to your correspondence dated 12 May 2016 regarding my appearance at the 2016-17 Budget Public Accounts and Estimates Hearing.

I am advised that at the time of my appearance and to date neither Public Transport Victoria or Metro Trains Melbourne have been advised that there is industrial action currently notified or underway that would impact on the Level Crossing Removal Program.

The declaration of results for a protected action ballot is distinct from the process where a union gives notice to the employer of its intention to take industrial action. No such notice of industrial action has been provided in relation to the Level Crossing Removal Project.

I hope this assists in clarifying matters for the Committee and addresses the allegations raised by the Opposition in the hearings yesterday.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Jacinta Allan MP

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