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Dear Ms Blandthorn

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written responses to the questions taken on notice at the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Inquiry into the 2020-21 Financial and Performance Outcomes.

The responses to the questions taken on notice are attached to this correspondence.

Should have any queries regarding the responses, the PAEC secretariat can contact [REDACTED]

I would also like to take this opportunity to clarify the record of my testimony in the transcript of the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing hearing on page 2, paragraph 5, line 5.

The current text reads:

Ms PITCHER: We have also got 246 new child protection practitioners across the state, bolstering the workforce to keep more children safe and families stronger, and funding to support landmark reforms so that more children and young people in care have the settled and stable lives that they deserve, including expanding the groundbreaking Home Stretch and Better Futures programs, which give all Victorian young people in care a place to call home until they turn 21.

I would like to amend it to:

Ms PITCHER: We have also got 239 new child protection practitioners across the state, bolstering the workforce to keep more children safe and families stronger, and funding to support landmark reforms so that more children and young people in care have the settled and stable lives that they deserve, including expanding the groundbreaking Home Stretch and Better Futures programs, which give all Victorian young people in care a place to call home until they turn 21.

This reflects that the figure stated on the day varied slightly from the correct figure for 2020-21. The department is also providing an amended presentation to the PAEC secretariat to address this.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to appear before the PAEC Inquiry.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandy Pitcher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sandy Pitcher
Secretary

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