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**David Fredericks PSM  
Secretary**

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Senator Karen Grogan  
Chair  
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

Thank you for your letter of 9 October 2023 regarding several answers the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water portfolio provided to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee following the Budget Estimates 2023-24 hearings.

The department acknowledges the important role the Parliament and its committees play in examining the operations of government and take our obligations very seriously. We remain committed to engaging with the Committee in a transparent and accountable manner.

In response to the Committee's request, the department has reviewed the referenced answers and will provide revised responses including, where appropriate, supplying additional information, as soon as possible, prior to the commencement of the Supplementary Budget Estimates.

I trust this information will be of assistance to the Committee.

If you require further information, please contact Ms Dana Sutton, Branch Head, Ministerial Liaison and Governance Branch on

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