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Dear Senator Crossin

I refer to your email to the Chief Minister, Ms Katy Gallagher MLA, inviting submissions to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs' inquiry into the Courts Legislation Amendment (Judicial Complaints) Bill 2012 (Cwlth) and the Judicial Misbehaviour and Incapacity (Parliamentary Commissions) Bill 2012 (Cwlth). The Chief Minister has asked me to respond to you, as the inquiry deals with issues within my portfolio responsibilities.

The Committee may wish to note that the Australian Capital Territory has legislative mechanisms in place for the establishment of a judicial commission, similar to those proposed in the Judicial Misbehaviour and Incapacity (Parliamentary Commissions) Bill 2012 (Cwlth). The *Judicial Commissions Act 1994* (<http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/1994-9/default.asp>) provides for the establishment of a judicial commission in order to examine complaints referred by the Attorney-General, and report to the Legislative Assembly. The Act also sets out mechanisms for removal of a judicial officer.

Thank you for your invitation to make a submission to the inquiry. I look forward to your Committee's report.

Yours sincerely

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