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Dear Senator Tyrrell

Thank you for your letter of 18 September 2024 to Mr Jim Betts, Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (the department) requesting additional data to support the Select Committee on the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme.

The department has prepared the four attached documents for your consideration. These documents include a summary of individual claimants; more detailed information on the sum of assistance paid to, and number of claims made by, claimants that received more than \$5000 of assistance in each calendar year from 2019-2023; the amount of claims and assistance paid by commodity type; and the average Services Australia processing time for TFES claims per calendar year.

Yours sincerely

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