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MEMBER FOR GINNINDERRA

Mrs Maria Vamvakinou MP  
Chair  
House of Representatives  
Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Innovation  
PO Box 6021  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mrs Vamvakinou

Thank you for your letter of 2 December 2009 seeking an ACT Government submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Innovation inquiry into Australia's international research collaborations.

The ACT Government is committed to delivering quality services to the ACT community based on the best available research and evidence based policies. Currently a large research program is carried out across the ACT Government, with agencies using:

- Predominantly but not exclusively local institutions;
- Membership of cross jurisdictional research bodies co-ordinated at a national level; and
- National bodies with a high degree of research status in a particular field.

This program is largely conducted using local and interstate research organisations. The ACT also hosts and supports many valued and respected Commonwealth Government research institutions with facilities in Canberra.

The ACT Government is also developing a close relationship with the University of Canberra as a result of funding the Australia and New Zealand School of Government Chair at that university for \$200,000 per annum.

The ACT Government supports all efforts to develop linkages and collaboration with the international research community, and looks forward to further initiatives by the Commonwealth Government that will complement local efforts to enhance science and innovation in the Australian community.

Yours sincerely

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