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Dear Chair,

I am writing in relation to the Budget Estimates hearing of 28 August 2024 and the supplementary questions subsequently provided to the Commission.

### Question taken on notice

At page 80 of the transcript, the Chief Commissioner took on notice a question from the Hon. Chris Rath concerning whether the Government had sought the Commission's advice on pursuing a domestic manufacturing and local procurement policy and whether the Commission had input into the Government's decision-making on that issue.

The Commission's response is as follows:

The Commission contributed to the Standing Committee on Social Issues inquiry into *Procurement practices of government agencies in New South Wales and its impact on the social development of the people of New South Wales* by making a written submission, giving oral evidence and responding to questions on notice. These are available on the Committee's website. Although this was a parliamentary inquiry, its terms of reference state that the matter was referred to the Committee by the relevant Minister.

In addition, the Chief Commissioner accepted an invitation to meet with the NSW Procurement Board on 28 March 2024. The Board was provided with a copy of the Commission's submission to the Standing Committee on Social Issues. At that

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meeting, the Chief Commissioner discussed the content of the submission and the Commission's procurement-related investigations.

Finally, the Commission understands that aspects of the Government's procurement policies may be subject to a consultation period involving an exposure draft of relevant legislation. The Commission may choose to contribute to that process.

### **Supplementary questions**

The Commission's response to supplementary questions is set out in the attached document.

Yours faithfully,

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A/ Chief Commissioner

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