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THE HON DAN TEHAN MP
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

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Mr Andrew Barr
Chief Minister and Treasurer of the Australian Capital Territory
GPO Box 1020
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear  Treasurer

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The Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP
Treasurer, Minister for Industrial Relations
Member for Hawkesbury
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY 2000

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Deputy Chief Minister and Treasurer of the Northern Territory
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Darwin NT 0801

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The Hon Jackie Trad MP
Treasurer of Queensland
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Treasurer of South Australia
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The Hon Peter Gutwein
Treasurer
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