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Via: [REDACTED]

Dear Dr Dwyer SC

**UPDATE ON CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT BY PROFESSOR DAVID HOLLINSWORTH –
CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT SYSTEMIC RACISM**

I refer to the correspondence from your solicitor, Ms Maria Walz, received by this office on 13 March 2024 regarding Professor Hollinsworth's report, entitled '*Campaign to combat racism: a report reviewing persistence of racism within the NT Government and strategies to eliminate racism*' (the Report).

As requested by Ms Walz in her email dated 13 March 2024, I am writing to provide information on progress towards considering the recommendations in the Report.

In 2023 Ms Gemma Lake, Chief Executive Officer of the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice (AGD) advised you that the Report was under consideration and a workshop was to be held in March 2023 to consider the recommendations in the Report in detail and decide how the recommendations would be progressed.

I advise the Aboriginal Justice Agreement Governance Committee (AJAGMC) held a workshop on 28 March 2023 to discuss next steps from the Report. This workshop led to the second engagement of Professor Hollinsworth, to prepare an implementation strategy and action plan deriving from his recommendations ('the Action Plan').

In November 2023, Professor Hollinsworth provided a first draft of the Action Plan to the Aboriginal Justice Unit (AJU) of AGD. The AJU subsequently provided feedback on the draft Action Plan.

On 3 April 2024 Professor Hollinsworth provided a second draft. The AJU and the Professor met again on 10 April 2024. It is understood that Professor Hollinsworth is now finalising the Action Plan.

Once finalised it is anticipated the Action Plan will be provided to the Aboriginal Justice Agreement governance committees for consideration and endorsement. It is anticipated that this will occur in

the coming months, enabling the Report and Action Plan to be provided to the Attorney-General by June/July 2024.

Yours sincerely



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Acting Chief Executive Officer

12 April 2024