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Dear Committee Secretary

RE: Debt Reduction and Savings Bill 2021

Further to our witness statement we offer the following additional references supporting comments made:

First reference: An Administrative Review of Building Queensland's Operating Arrangements Author: Dr Peter Wood Date: May 2017

https://cabinet.qld.gov.au/documents/2018/Jun/BQreview/Attachments/Review.PDF

This independent report was the basis for the statement on page 8 of the transcript "The review of Building Queensland's operating arrangements in May 2017 indicated that it met or exceeded expectations".

This report was also the basis for the statement on page 10 of the transcript "There was a review in 2017 and none of these issues were raised. It said that Building Queensland was meeting and exceeding expectations."

Second reference: The independent report "The Rise of Mega Projects Counting the Costs" by Grattan Institute Date: November 2020.

https://grattan.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/The-Rise-of-Megaprojects-Grattan-Report.pdf

This data on page 30 of this independent report was the basis for the statement on page 8 of the transcript "notably, between 2017 and 2020 Queensland had done better than the national average in terms of the timing of independent assessments of business cases relative to the time of making a financial commitment."

This data was also the basis for the statement on page 9 of the transcript "There are two different issues. The point I was making is that between 2017 and 2020 Queensland had performed above average in governance in that proper assessment and independent assessment had been performed on business cases before commitments were being made, so it is that timing that is an indicator of good governance and slightly above the Australian average between 2017 and 2020."

This data is summarised as follows:

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Large Business Case Timing	QLD	AUS
At time of commitment	3	8
Assessed later	3	11
None assessed or published	2	13
Total	**8**	**32**
Percentage assessed at time of commitment	**37.5%**	**25.0%**

The data on page 16 of this report was the basis for the statement on page 8 of the transcript "Large capital infrastructure projects are highly correlated with larger and more frequent cost overruns".

If you require any further clarification, please contact me on [redacted] or [redacted]

Regards

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