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Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Sent by email only to: lacsc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Committee

Re: Question on Notice – South Sea Islander Communities and Adoption

I refer to a question taken on notice from Mr Stephen Mirani from the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee at the recent public hearing on 10 August 2020 inquiring into the Child Protection and other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020.

Question:

Whether the Queensland Human Rights Commission (**the Commission**) has been approached by South Sea Islander communities regarding the issue of adoption within their communities.

Response:

The Commission has functions under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991* (Qld) and the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld) to promote an understanding and discussion of human rights in Queensland, and to provide information and education about human rights including through our community engagement work.

The Commission does not have a record of being approached by South Sea Islander communities regarding adoptions within their communities. The Commission would welcome any contact regarding this matter in future.

If you require any further information, please contact Heather Corkhill, Senior Policy Officer on 3021 9115.

Yours sincerely



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