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Dear Mr Wendt

Thank you for your letter of 29 November 2011 concerning the Government's response to Finance and Administration Committee Report No. 7 – *Commonwealth Games Arrangements Bill 2011*.

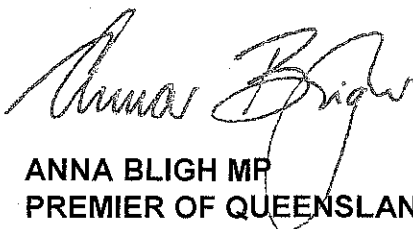
As you would be aware, a copy of the Government's response to the report was forwarded to you on 29 November 2011 (copy enclosed).

In response to recommendation four of the report, the Government agreed to move an amendment to the *Commonwealth Games Arrangements Bill 2011* during consideration in detail. The purpose of the amendment was to clarify who has the casting vote if the votes of the Board of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation are equal and the chairperson is absent.

It was not possible to move the amendment to the Bill as the draft amendment did not arrive at Parliament House in time for the proceedings. The amendment will however be progressed at the earliest convenience.

I have written to the Clerk of the Parliament requesting that the Government's response to the report together with this letter be tabled in Parliament.

Yours sincerely



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**Government Response to the
Finance and Administration Committee**

Report No. 7

Commonwealth Games Arrangements Bill 2011

The Committee's Recommendations

Recommendation 1

The committee recommends that the Commonwealth Games Arrangements Bill 2011 be passed.

Response:

The Government supports this recommendation.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the Bill be amended to stipulate that at least 25% of the members of the board emanate from the Gold Coast community.

Response:

The Government recognises the need to have members emanating from the Gold Coast community on the board, but does not support inclusion of this restriction in the Bill.

The Government assures the Committee that Gold Coast representation will be one of the factors considered when making the appointments to the board. The ultimate composition, however, will be a matter for discussion by Government with key stakeholders including the Australian Commonwealth Games Association and the Gold Coast City Council.

The importance the Government places on Gold Coast representation is evidenced in the membership of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Bid Ltd (the Bid Company). Three members of the Bid Company are residents of the Gold Coast.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the Bill be amended to stipulate that members remuneration, allowances and terms and conditions be disclosed publicly as soon as practicable after the decision of the Governor in Council.

Response:

The Government considers this recommendation unnecessary. However, the Government accepts the reasoning behind it and agrees to publicly release the remuneration, allowances, and terms and conditions of members of the board of the corporation in the gazettal notice advising of the appointments. This is considered a simpler way to achieve the outcome proposed by the Committee.

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that the Bill be amended to clarify Clause 24 regarding who has the casting vote in the event that the chairperson, as nominated by the Minister, is absent from a vote and the process to be followed in such an event.

Response:

The Government supports this recommendation. An amendment to the Bill will be moved during consideration in detail to clarify that if votes are equal and the regular chairperson is absent, the vote will be deferred until the next meeting of the board where the regular chairperson is present.

In the unlikely event that the votes are equal and the regular chairperson is precluded from voting (eg. due to a conflict of interest) an acting chairperson may be appointed pursuant to section 25 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*.