



Hon Stirling Hinchliffe MP
Member for Stafford



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Minister for Employment, Skills
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Mr Neil Laurie
Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Neil

I refer to the Industry, Education, Training and Industrial Relations Committee's Report No. 7 on the *Vocational Education and Training (Commonwealth Powers) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011*, which was tabled in Parliament on 23 December 2011.

Section 107 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, requires that I table a response to the Committee's report three months after the report is tabled. As the Legislative Assembly was dissolved on 19 February 2012 and the Government is now operating under caretaker conventions it is not possible to provide a substantive response at this time. Instead, I propose to table this letter as an interim response to this report as permitted by section 107(5) of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*.

In accordance with Section 59A of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and Standing Order 31, I request that this letter be tabled during the period that the Legislative Assembly is dissolved.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact my Policy Advisor, Mr Mark Whittaker, on telephone 3234 1870.

Yours sincerely

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