



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Clerk and Chief Executive

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Dear Madam Chair

***Legislative Scrutiny Committee Report – Inquiry into the Teacher Registration
(Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025***

Please see attached correspondence received from the Hon Jo Hersey MLA, Minister for Education and Training responding to the Legislative Scrutiny Committee's report referring recommendations to the *Inquiry into the Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 201(3), the response is deemed to have been tabled and will be reported to the Assembly at its next meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Russell Keith'.

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Dear Mr Keith

Thank you for your letter dated 20 November 2025, referring recommendations 2–7 of the Legislative Scrutiny Committee Report, *Inquiry into the Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Bill 2025* (the report) for Government's consideration. I am writing to advise the Government's response in accordance with Standing Order 201.

I thank the Committee for its detailed consideration of the Bill and its report. In relation to the recommendations for Government, I provide the following:

Recommendations 2, 3 and 5 raise policy matters and have been referred to the Teacher Registration Board for consideration in developing guidelines to support the reforms. Recommendations 4, 6 and 7 relate to proposed amendments to the Explanatory Statement tabled on 16 October 2025. An Erratum addressing Recommendations 6 and 7 was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 25 November 2025.

Recommendation 4 has not been accepted. Clause 8, as drafted, provides an accurate explanation for the insertion of section 25B (Ministerial directions to Board). Clause 8 does not introduce a substantive amendment. It is a technical clarification that places the Minister's existing power to direct the Board explicitly in the Act, rather than relying on the Administrative Arrangements Order. This power already exists in the Northern Territory and was not introduced to align with other jurisdictions.

Yours sincerely

JO HERSEY

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