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Dear Chairman

**Re: Referral of a question in connection with the public accounts of the Northern Territory pursuant to standing order 21A (2) (d) (ii). PPP arrangements for the Darwin Correctional Precinct**

I hereby refer the following matter to the Standing Committee of Public Accounts for inquiry and report:

- (1) Upon the tender processes for the Darwin Correctional Precinct;  
With particular reference to:
  - (a) whether the probity objectives were the most applicable for this project and whether they were successfully completed;
  - (b) the adequacy of the public sector comparator used in the tender process;
  - (c) the accuracy of the value for money comparison, and particularly the estimate of the cost to the Government of delivering the project under a traditional procurement method;
  - (d) the adequacy of disclosure of the costs of this; and
  - (e) any steps needed to ensure full disclosure
- (2) Upon the annual cost of the project and identification of each component of these costs from this financial year to the expiration of the contract
- (3) The extent and nature of the risks NT Government is exposed to as a result of this arrangement
- (4) Whether or not the funding method used represented the optimum value for money

I ask that the Committee report on this matter on or before the second sittings of the Assembly in 2013.

Yours sincerely

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