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Chair
Subordinate Legislation and Publications Committee
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Dear Madam Chair,

Reference to Subordinate Legislation and Publications Committee

Attached please find a letter circulated to all Members yesterday, 19 February 2013.

I would like the Committee to consider the matter of electronic tabling of documents and provide recommendations on the desirability of this method of presenting material to the Assembly and its Committees together with any appropriate protocols for government agencies, responsible Ministers and the Assembly.

I should be grateful if the Committee reports to the Assembly by May 2013.



Hon Kezia Purick MLA
20 February 2013



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Honourable Members

I write to advise of tabling arrangements proposed by the Auditor General ahead of the tabling the *Auditor General of the Northern Territory February 2013 Report to the Legislative Assembly*.

The Auditor has advised he wishes to discontinue the practice of providing multiple hard copies of the report to the Table Office as each report costs in the vicinity of \$7000 for print set up and production. Instead he proposes providing a single hard copy and simultaneous electronic copies be available by email of a PDF and web link to each Member as soon as tabled.

On Friday 1 February the Chief Minister advised me he endorsed this proposed practice.

This move to electronic tabling of documents will be of interest to all Members as it has implications for a range of other reports which are required to be tabled in the Assembly. On that basis, I have referred the matter to the Subordinate Legislation and Publications Committee (assigned to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee) for its consideration and report.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kezia Purick MLA