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The Hon Katrine Hildyard MP

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Dear Ms Endacott

Thank you for your letter dated 28 October 2022. I appreciate your questions and your ongoing advocacy for carers in South Australia.

In relation to your first question, the government can provide information on the report of the Foster and Kinship Care Inquiry prior to it being tabled in Parliament. I can assure you that it is my intention to share the findings of the inquiry report this year.

In relation to question two, you will appreciate that the timeframes for the review of the *Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017* are effectively informed by specific requirements set out in the Act. The deadline for written submissions has been extended to 11 November 2022. We welcome any submissions carers wish to make to the Act review, be that their previous submission to the Inquiry, or a new written submission. In terms of incorporating the findings of the Inquiry, they will be closely considered as part of the review. I have also committed to discussing the findings of the Inquiry with stakeholders, and to consider related proposals for legislative amendment. As you will have heard at the Adelaide consultation, there will also be further opportunity to provide feedback on any proposed legislative amendments in 2023.

Indeed, the Government is very keen to have as many people as possible participate in the review and share their ideas. As at the end of October; approximately 350 people had already participated, including a number of carers and representatives from your member organisations. I welcome your support in encouraging carers to engage by attending a consultation, completing the online survey and/or writing a submission. Of course, the Peak is also well-positioned to provide advice and proposals through this submission process.

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As you know, I am deeply committed to working in partnership with the Peak to make sure the voices of all our valued carers are heard. I look forward to our ongoing collaboration.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Katrine Hildyard'.

Hon Katrine Hildyard MP
Minister for Child Protection

6 November 2022

