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Hon Linda Burney MP

Chair

Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

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Dear Ms Burney,

RESPONSE TO JCFAA REPORT 506 - RAAF WELFARE RECREATIONAL COMPANY (RWRC) ANNUAL REPORT TABLING

Defence acknowledges the observations of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit ('the Committee') in Report 506 that specifically requests a response from the RAAF Welfare Recreational Company (RWRC) for the reason their annual report has not been tabled in time to be scrutinised at the supplementary budget estimates for the past three years.

The RWRC is trustee for the RAAF Central Welfare Trust which requires its Annual Report to be audited by a commercial auditor prior to the RWRC Annual Report being audited by ANAO. The audits need to be completed sequentially. As a small entity, it is often difficult to schedule access and audit completion by the commercial auditor before mid-Sep, which results in ANAO not being able to issue an audit opinion before late Sep/early Oct. Consequently, production and clearance of the completed Annual Report, with Financial Statements, is at risk of not achieving required submission dates.

RWRC is consulting with its commercial auditor to attempt to bring forward the FY 2024/25 audit completion for the RAAF Central Welfare Trust to enable compliance with submission requirements.

RWRC acknowledges the Committee's requirement that the annual report be submitted in time for supplementary budget estimates. The RWRC will continue to work with their auditors to

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achieve a timelier response and endeavour to meet the required timeline of the supplementary budget estimates.

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Yours faithfully,

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Air Commodore

Chair, RAAF Welfare Recreational Company, Department of Defence

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