



HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

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Chief Executive &
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Committee Secretary
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
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Dear Committee Secretary,

I am writing in response to recommendation 3 of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit's *Report 506: Inquiry into Commonwealth Financial Statements 2022-23*.

The Committee recommended that the High Court of Australia, among others, provide a response on why its annual report has not been tabled in time to be scrutinised at supplementary budget estimates for the three years to 2022-23.

On behalf of the Court, I apologise that its annual reports have not been tabled in advance of the relevant Senate estimates hearings.

The Court acknowledges that the timely provision of annual reports enables the Committee and the Parliament to more effectively scrutinise the expenditure of public monies.

As the Committee is aware, the High Court is not a Commonwealth entity for the purposes of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act). However, the Court seeks to align with the PGPA Act where possible as best practice.

The late delivery of annual reports is contrary to the Court's goal to support the Parliament to discharge its functions. The Court's administration has paid insufficient attention to meeting this goal.

Accordingly, I have put in place revised administrative processes for the preparation of the Court's annual report and to monitor its timely production in the future.

I thank the Committee for bringing this issue to the Court's attention.

Yours sincerely,

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Richard Glenn
Chief Executive and Principal Registrar