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Committee Secretary Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration PO Box 6100 Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

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RE: Questions on Notice

Dear Committee Secretary

With reference to the Questions on Notice provided on 9 August by Senator Deborah O'Neill in her role as a member of the Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee, I am not aware of the practice referred to as 'Power Mapping' and we have not engaged in the practices described in Question One. Accordingly, we do not have any further information to provide in response to Questions 2-8.

As articulated at the hearing on 18 July, EY regularly tenders for work with Commonwealth Departments and are one of about 400 organisations on the Management Advisory Services (MAS) Panel, resulting in a highly competitive procurement process.

EY takes pride in the constructive working relationships we have built with the public service as a provider to the Commonwealth, however, for EY, in deciding whether to respond to a tender, our primary consideration is always whether we have the capabilities and specialist skills required to execute the work and provide value.

Delivering high quality service that meets client requirements is our top priority, if we do not believe this can be achieved then we do not tender for work.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Nixon EY Oceania Government and Public Sector Consulting Leader 31 August 2023