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Dear Ms Barr

Response to the Skills Commission Interim Report

The Ministerial Advisory Council on Women wholeheartedly supports the recommendations of the Skill Commission Interim Report.

Of particular interest to the Council is recommendation 3.2 - that the ACT Government extends maternity leave in the ACT Public Service (ACTPS) from 14 weeks to 26 weeks. The Council applauds this recommendation and agrees that it would provide the ACTPS with a significant attraction and retention incentive. This recommendation in conjunction with the establishment of child care facilities in new ACT Government Offices (recommendation 3.5) would improve the work-life balance of employees establishing families.

The Council encourages the ACT Government to support and work with the business community to ensure that the work-life balance options for private sector employees who are establishing families are improved.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important and timely report.

Yours sincerely



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