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Associate to the Hon. Justice Ross AO  
Fair Work Commission  
Level 4, 11 Exhibition Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000

Dear Associate

**AM2020/99 – Application by the HSU to vary the Aged Care Award 2010**

1. We refer to the above proceeding.
2. AGS is instructed by the Commonwealth to convey the information in this letter regarding the timing of Commonwealth's response to the Final Report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety (**Final Report**), so as to assist the Fair Work Commission and the parties in respect of timetabling the proceeding. AGS does not hold instructions in respect of the above proceedings more generally.

**Government response to the Final Report**

3. Recommendation 145 of the Final Report was:

By 31 May 2021, the Australian Government should report to Parliament about its response to the recommendations in our final report. The report should indicate whether each recommendation directed to the Australian Government is accepted, accepted in principle, rejected or subject to further consideration. The report should also include some detail about how the recommendations that are accepted will be implemented and should explain the reasons for any rejections.
4. Consistent with this recommendation, the Australian Government will announce its response to the recommendations of the Final Report on or before 31 May 2021.

**Contact**

5. Please direct any correspondence regarding this letter to: Stephen Reeves, Senior Lawyer ([stephen.reeves@ags.gov.au](mailto:stephen.reeves@ags.gov.au), 03 9242 1206).

Yours sincerely

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