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Dear Ms Bennett and Mr McGarvie

As you may be aware, the Department of Treasury and Finance has recently published a new Statement of Expectations Framework for Regulators.

By letter dated 20 June 2016 I issued a Statement of Expectations (SOE) for the Victorian Legal Services Board and Commissioner (VLSBC) setting out my expectations of the VLSBC's contribution to the Government's Regulation Reform Program to reduce red tape and improve regulatory practices. That SOE was expressed to apply for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, or until otherwise amended.

I am writing to advise that I have extended the existing SOE for a period of six months so that it applies until 31 December 2017. This extension will allow the VLSBC to work with the Department of Justice and Regulation to address the requirements of the new SOE Framework. A new SOE will be developed and issued to the VLSBC by 31 December 2017.

This letter should be published alongside the existing SOE on the VLSBC website upon receipt.

I look forward to your further advice about the VLSBC's work towards achieving best practice in regulatory administration and enforcement.

Yours sincerely

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