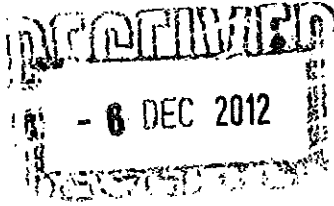




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Dear Mr Harris 

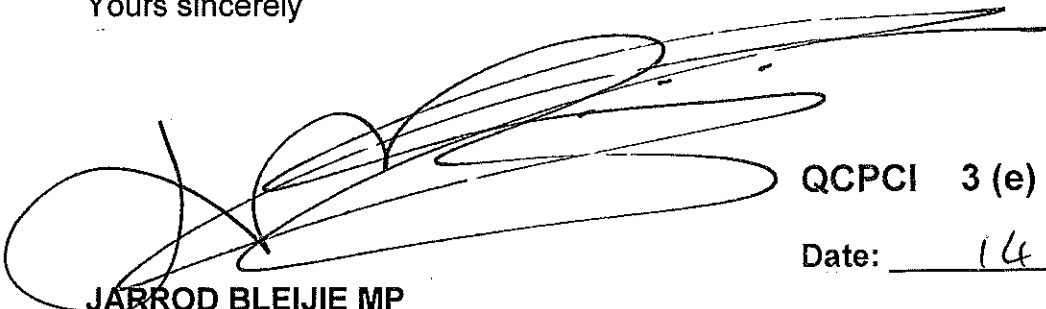
Thank you for your letter dated 8 November 2012 regarding public funding for legal representation before the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry for Ms Annette McIntosh and Ms Shelley Farquhar.

I note you have been given leave to appear for Ms McIntosh and Ms Farquhar but I regret that I am unable to agree to your request for the expenditure of public funds for this purpose.

The Inquiry is inquisitorial not adversarial. It is chaired by a highly regarded independent Commissioner with able Counsel assisting who must determine the adequacy and appropriateness of the Government's response to the matters in Term of Reference 3(e).

It is my understanding that the legal profession in Queensland has a long and proud history of providing pro bono services. If your firm is not in a position to provide such services, I suggest your clients contact the Queensland Public Interest Law Clearing House or another organisation or law firm which may have the capacity to assist.

Yours sincerely



JARROD BLEIJIE MP
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

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