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Dear Ms Johnston

Thank you for your letter dated 22 January 2003 to the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Sport regarding Mr Scott Volkens.

The Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Sport has asked that I respond to you in the interim.

I agree that this is a serious matter, and that the protection of children is a matter of great importance. In addition, you will agree that the *Commission for Children and Young People Act 2000* ("Act") is relatively new, and that many of the factual situations arising in relation to the Act have not been considered before. I believe this situation to be one of them.

Accordingly, I have decided to further investigate the matter, including the Department's obligations under the Act, in order to ensure that the Department complies with its legal obligations.

The Minister will respond to you in greater detail, once advice has been received in relation to this matter from relevant parties.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely

Scott Flavell
Director-General