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Member for Stretton



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Mr Brian Parmenter  
Chairman  
Queensland Competition Authority  
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BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Mr Parmenter

The Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation received correspondence from the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) on 27 May 2009 requesting an extension until 12 June 2009 to enable it to decide the 2009-10 Benchmark Retail Cost Index (BRCI) and to publish the 2009-10 notified prices. The extension was sought because the QCA was unable to meet its deadlines due to problems being experienced by its consultants.

As a result of this request, I issued a delegation to the QCA on 29 May 2009, which required it to publish the notified prices on 12 June 2009.

I now understand, following conversations between our officials on 3 June 2009, that the QCA might be in a position to decide the 2009-10 BRCI and to publish the 2009-10 notified prices earlier than 12 June 2009. Having regard to the importance of lead time before the commencement of the new prices, I have therefore decided to issue the attached new delegation to the QCA, which revokes my delegation of 29 May 2009 and requires the QCA to decide the 2009-10 BRCI and to publish the 2009-10 notified prices no later than 12 June 2009.

Should you have any queries regarding my advice to you, Mrs Kristen Findlay, A/Director, Strategic Initiatives, Mines and Energy, will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone 3404 8002.

Yours sincerely

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