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Dear Mr Clarke

Thank you for your letter dated 17 July 2012 regarding the appointment of a replacement Privacy Commissioner. The Honourable Jarrod Bleijie MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, has asked me to reply on his behalf.

I appreciate your concern that an acting Privacy Commissioner has been in place for a lengthy period. The position of Information Commissioner will shortly become vacant. A recruitment exercise for this position has commenced and the vacancy has been advertised. No decision will be made on the role of Privacy Commissioner until the Information Commissioner role is finalised with the appointment of a new Information Commissioner.

Under section 145(1) of the *Information Privacy Act 2009* (IP Act), the Attorney-General is required to place press advertisements nationally calling for applications from suitable qualified persons to be considered for appointment. I wish to reassure you that the Attorney-General will make a decision on the Privacy Commissioner role as soon as practicable.

Thank you for raising your concerns with the Attorney-General.

Yours sincerely

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