



**ASSISTANT MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE
ASSISTANT MINISTER TO THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL
MEMBER FOR PERTH
The Hon Patrick Gorman MP**

Reference: MC24-162386

The Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP
Treasurer
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Treasurer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim', written over the word 'Treasurer'.

Thank you for your letter dated 11 December 2024 to the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister, seeking agreement to five Productivity Commission (PC) Inquiries which would identify priority reforms under the five pillars of the Government's productivity agenda. The Prime Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

I agree to the PC conducting these inquiries and for you to formally commission these inquiries by 13 December 2024. I note that inquiries would run for 12 months, interim reports will be delivered in the middle of 2025, and funding will be met within the PC's existing resourcing.

I ask that the PC explicitly consider gender equality in each of the inquiries, in alignment with the Government's recognition of gender equality as an economic imperative and Working for Women, the Government's strategy for gender equality.

I note that each of these reviews cover areas that have critical roles to play in delivering the four Priority Reforms under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap (National Agreement). I ask that the PC consider how productivity improvements can support the Government to further deliver on our commitments under the National Agreement.

I have provided a copy of this letter to Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, Minister for Finance and Minister for Women, the Hon Chris Bowen, Minister for Climate Change and Energy, the Hon Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Aged Care, Senator the Hon Murray Watt, Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, the Hon Andrew Giles, Minister for Skills and Training, and the Hon Dr Andrew Leigh, Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury.

Yours sincerely

PATRICK GORMAN

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