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The Treasury

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Ms Barbara Champion

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Dear Ms Champion

Thank you for your correspondence of 12 May 2021 to the Assistant Treasurer, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Social and Community Housing, concerning public liability insurance for the playground industry. The Minister has asked me to respond to you.

I acknowledge your concerns regarding access to public liability insurance for your members. It is unfortunate to hear of the difficulties the playground industry is facing in attaining affordable insurance.

On the 4 June 2021 the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman (ASBFEO) launched a review of the discretionary mutual fund proposed for small businesses in the amusement, leisure and recreation sector. The review will build on ASBFEO's Insurance Inquiry as well as ongoing feedback from the Australian Amusement, Leisure and Recreation Association. The Government looks forward to receiving the final report in August 2021.

On 20 May 2021, the Insurance Council of Australia (ICA) released a consultation paper that sets out options for tackling the availability and affordability of commercial lines of insurance, particularly for small and medium sized enterprises. Play Australia may wish to engage in this process to explore industry led options to improve insurance availability for the playground industry. The paper and details about how to make a submission can be found on the ICA's website, at: www.insurancecouncil.com.au/resource/ica-ica-releases-independent-paper-on-commercial-insurance-issues.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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