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Sent: Thursday, 26 March 2009 12:21 PM
To: Glenn Pure
Cc: Davin Nowakowski; Purcell, John; Engele, Sam; Peffer, Dave
Subject: RE: Services to industry submission [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Glenn,

Thank you for your phone call and email which sought clarification of the ACT's position on the proposed Services to Industry assessment.

The ACT's **overall position** is that although the Territory still has some concerns about the subjectivity of the survey data, we **support** the survey data being used to develop a differential services to industry assessment as long as it is used conservatively. This is because, through its efforts, the Commission has in our view improved the quality of the survey data over time with the assistance of the States.

The ACT also supports the use of the survey to determine disability weights. However, most States (including the ACT) were particularly concerned with how disability weights were being calculated (allocating survey data between the categories of level of activity, business numbers and population), and thus a very conservative approach should be used.

By conservative, the ACT means that the disability weights for 'activity' and 'business numbers' would be rounded **down**, while for 'population' the weight would be rounded **up**.

Happy to discuss if you require further clarification.

Regards,

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From: Glenn Pure
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Hi Andrew

Further to our brief conversation this morning, I'd appreciate if you could clarify the ACT's position on the services to industry assessment as it is not clear to me from your current submission.

In particular, I'd be grateful if you could advise whether the ACT would still prefer a non-differential assessment (consistent with earlier position of the ACT) or whether the ACT view is that provided the services to industry survey data are used conservatively, that a differential assessment is supported.

With thanks

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