



**Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business  
Hon Simon O'Brien MLC**

Our Ref: 29-20633

Mr Oliver Moon  
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Dear Mr Moon 

**APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER FOR SMALL BUSINESS**

Thank you for your letter to the Premier dated 1 December 2011 regarding the appointment of a Minister and Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business.

I have enjoyed my time as Minister for Small Business, during which I have been able to meet with a variety of small businesses across the State as well as key small business representative bodies including CoSBA.

Both Liza and I are keen to work on the issues affecting Western Australian small business operators and are committed to strengthening this important sector of our State's economy. Particularly, I look forward to the imminent announcement of the Small Business Commissioner, which will be the most important small business initiative since the establishment of the Small Business Development Corporation in 1984.

Thank you again for your well wishes for the New Year – I wish you and your members a Merry Christmas and I look forward to working together in 2012.

Yours sincerely



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**MINISTER FOR FINANCE; COMMERCE; SMALL BUSINESS**


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Dear Mr Moon 

**BUSINESS GROWTH CENTRE**

I refer to your letter dated 19 November 2011 in support of the ongoing role and function of the Business Growth Centre (BGC).

I have noted the Combined Small Business Alliance of WA's (CoSBA) endorsement of the operation of the BGC, and acknowledge CoSBA's longstanding advocacy for improved training options for small business. It is my understanding that Professor Tim Mazzarol's report on the review of the BGC is currently a confidential document. I am advised, however, that it both highlights the areas of achievement by the BGC and provides recommendations aimed at continued improvement of small business training in Western Australia.

The Minister for Training and Workforce Development, the Hon Peter Collier MLC, is currently considering some future options arising from Professor Mazzarol's review and I have asked the Minister to ensure stakeholders such as CoSBA are consulted during this process.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me about your concerns regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely



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