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Dear Mr Henderson

*Rod*

**SMALL BUSINESS Q&A LINK FORUM WITH THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE**

Thank you for participating in my *Small Business Q&A Link Forum* on 28 September 2010. I valued the comments and feedback provided by all participants at the Forum.

The Forum was an excellent opportunity for me to hear first hand from you about the key issues affecting your sector. As I indicated at the time I am keen to make myself available to meet with you on a more regular basis. I will ensure that your organisation receives invitations to these events through the Small Business Development Corporation.

I would also like to reiterate my commitment to you to act as a small business advocate within Cabinet. To support me in this effort, I encourage you to write to my office directly about specific small business issues or concerns as they arise. As a follow-up to the Forum, I would particularly like to hear about specific examples of red tape or issues with the government procurement process. Please mark any such correspondence to the attention of my Small Business Advisor, Mr Tim Wellington.

Alternatively, you can raise issues regarding red tape or government procurement with the Small Business Development Corporation's Advocacy Service by phoning 131 249 or emailing [advocacy@smallbusiness.wa.gov.au](mailto:advocacy@smallbusiness.wa.gov.au).

I look forward to receiving your ongoing input on matters affecting the small business sector, and thank you once again for participating in the September 2010 Small Business Q&A Link Forum.

Yours sincerely

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