



THE SENATE

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

5 December 2014

Senator the Hon Stephen Parry
President of the Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr President,

Pursuant to Senate standing order 38(7), I present to you an interim report of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee's following inquiry:

An inquiry into the incident at the Manus Island Detention Centre from 16 February to 18 February 2014, with particular reference to:

- (a) the chronology of events;
- (b) the sequence of events and factors that gave cause to the incident;
- (c) the sequence of events that led to, and the cause of, Reza Berati's death;
- (d) contractor, subcontractor and service provider involvement and response;
- (e) Department of Immigration and Border Protection involvement and response;
- (f) Papua New Guinean police, military and civilian involvement and response;
- (g) the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection's conduct before, during and after the incident;
- (h) protocols and procedures observed by agencies in the detention centre;
- (i) any documents, including incident reports and emails as well as briefings involving staff, employees, contractors and subcontractors involved in or responding to the incident;
- (j) any communications between the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection and the Government of Papua New Guinea, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, contractors, sub-contractors and service providers regarding the incident;

- (k) the Australian Government's duty of care obligations and responsibilities;
- (l) refugee status determination processing and resettlement arrangements in Papua New Guinea; and
- (m) any other related matters.

The committee is still deliberating. The committee intends to present the final report by 11 December 2014.

Yours sincerely,

Senator Penny Wright
Chair

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President.....11.09 AM.....5 December 2014