



OSEC #2491

Senator Sarah Hanson-Young  
Chair  
Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications (References)  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

I refer to my testimony before the Environment and Communications References Committee's inquiry into Press Freedom on Friday 15 November 2019. I am writing to clarify evidence.

On Page 40 of the Hansard, Senator Urquhart asked about the referral made by the Department of Home Affairs to the Australian Federal Police (AFP) on 7 February 2019. In my evidence I stated that the referral to the AFP was a letter signed by me. I have since checked departmental records, and can confirm the document Senator Urquhart provided to me at the hearing was an attachment to the referral to the AFP, which was provided to the AFP in the form of a document known as 'Referral to AFP'.

Responses to answers to questions on notice taken on notice at the hearing will be provided to the Committee in due course.

Yours sincerely

**Michael Pezzullo**  
Secretary

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