



THE SENATE

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

14 January 2022

Senator the Hon Slade Brockman  
President of the Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr President

**Inquiry into Australia's engagement in Afghanistan – interim report  
Progress Report**

On 26 August 2021, the Senate referred Australia's engagement in Afghanistan to the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (the Committee). The Committee is due to present an interim report on 14 January 2021.

To date the committee has received 66 submissions and conducted three public hearings on 11 October, 8 and 15 November 2021.

The committee requests an extension of time for the interim report until 21 January 2022 to allow it to consider the evidence received and conclude its deliberations.

Yours sincerely

Senator Kimberley Kitching

Chair