



Tuesday, May 21, 2024

*Mr Ray Griggs AO CSC
Secretary
Department of Social Services*

*Mr David Hazlehurst
Chief Executive Officer
Services Australia*

Dear Secretary & Mr Hazlehurst,

Thank you very much for your letter of confirmation in response to our letter(s) regarding the upcoming Senate Estimates hearings and the areas of interest the Coalition wishes to prosecute.

We write again, seeking a point of clarification that the letter of confirmation you wrote us, also pertained to a request dated April 24 - but perhaps not received until April 29 due to the Anzac Day long weekend - for a number of datasets for tabling.

We acknowledge confirmation from Mr Griggs on behalf of the department, but are yet to receive - as far as we are aware - any correspondence from Services Australia confirming any requests made by the Coalition on two occasions.

We have attached both dated letters, and would expect that we have provided sufficient time and information for adequate preparation of the hearings.

Given no further correspondence for queries, clarification, or protestation have been received since, the Coalition takes it that Services Australia has had no problem with the request, but still asks that we would receive confirmation our receipt, which the Secretariat has confirmed have indeed been sent. It would be highly troubling if officials arrived at the hearings without the requisite data, or claimed ample time or notice was not given for its procurement.

Sincerely,

Senator Hollie Hughes
*Shadow Assistant Minister for the NDIS
Shadow Assistant Minister for Mental Health & Suicide Prevention
Liberal Senator for New South Wales*