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Senates Economics Legislation Committee
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Attention: Mr Mark Fitt

Dear Mr Fitt

Richard Boyle 2019-2020 Supplementary budget estimates hearing

I act as solicitor for Mr Richard Boyle in relation to the criminal prosecution that has been instituted by the Australian Commissioner of Taxation. The matter is presently being heard in the Adelaide Magistrates Court.

I understand that Mr Boyle has been offered an opportunity to provide a response to the comments made by Commissioner Chris Jordan during his opening statement before the committee on 23 October 2019.

I write to advise that Mr Boyle has declined to provide a response after receiving legal advice.

It is our view that nothing that has been said by the Commissioner meaningfully addresses the detailed issues Mr Boyle raises in his complaint.

Indeed, it is unfortunate that the Commissioner has chosen to make disparaging remarks against Mr Boyle under the cloak of Parliamentary Privilege which has jeopardised Mr Boyle's right to a fair trial.

It is our view that any further comment by Mr Boyle can only be made in the context of him discussing the criminal prosecution that has been instituted by the Commissioner.

As you know we have previously advised Mr Boyle that it would be adverse to his interests to discuss that prosecution openly.

I trust that this correspondence on behalf of Mr Boyle concludes the matter but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,



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