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Department of Finance

Ms Sarah Redden
Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Redden

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I am writing to add to my responses to two questions asked during the Budget Estimates Hearings of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee, on Thursday, 27 May 2021.

Senator Gallagher asked about when Finance had knowledge of the termination of the individual in question, and whether Finance had knowledge prior to 5 April 2019.

I provided evidence that Finance attended a meeting on 4 April 2019 and at that time provided specific advice around the termination process in respect of the individual in question.

I would like to add to that response to advise that Finance responded to a number of general employment enquiries over several days commencing 26 March 2019 regarding circumstances where a person is on a deferral of termination period.

Senator Gallagher also asked when I was made aware of the incident at Parliament House on 23 March 2019. Specifically, Senator Gallagher asked if I became aware of the incident on that weekend.

I have reviewed available records and would like to advise that I was made aware of the after-hours access to a ministerial office in Parliament House that weekend.

Yours sincerely

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