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## OFFICIAL

Hi,

I just had a call from Sian, who wanted to tell me about a phone call she just received from Michelle [REDACTED] from the AGO's office. The topic of discussion was QoNs 126 and 127, which are about liaison with the AGO over QoNs on previous rounds.

Michelle indicated that the AGO would soon send us suggestions for changing the responses to strip them back so they are more about high-level processes. Sian is happy for you two to consider the AGO's suggested changes and finalise our response. Sian and Michelle both agreed that if the AG wished to raise public interest immunity then that is a matter for the AG.

In terms of the letter to the Committee Secretariat about our other late QoNs about members, I still haven't heard back from AGO, and nor was the letter raised with Sian by Michelle just now. Alicia (from AGD Senate Estimates) had previously said that AGO might have some concern with the date we put in the letter about when we thought the responses would be ready, and we've been waiting to hear back from the AGO about the letter. Alicia asked AGO about the letter this morning and will ask them about it again around 2pm. Alicia doesn't want to send the letter without approval by the AGO, but made the point that ultimately it is the AAT's decision about when the letter gets sent. I'll hold off doing anything with the letter for a couple more hours.

Regards

Julian

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Hi Julian,

Apologies I missed your call on Friday. The AGO cleared 126 and 127 on Wednesday and they were tabled – final responses *attached*.

Understand these responses were agreed with the Register, but please do let me know if that is not your understanding.

Kind regards,

Alicia

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Hi,

Here are the links for our database entries for:

- [QoN 126 - October 2019 Supplementary Budget Estimates - Liaison with the Attorney-General and Attorney-General's office](#)
- [QoN 127 – March 2020 Additional Budget Estimates - Liaison with the Attorney-General and Attorney-General's office](#)

The database entries have links to the tabled versions plus all the versions we provided AGD.

Here's my understanding of what happened:

- We sent our last revised response to AGD on:
  - 12 December for 127
  - 15 December for 126
- I have a file note saying that AGO discussed a revised response with you on 16 December. I was expecting to receive a revised response from AGO after your phone call with them.
- Responses were tabled on 16 December without us knowing.
- I followed up with AGD on 18 December and we were advised that: "The AGO cleared 126 and 127 on Wednesday and they were tabled – final responses *attached*. Understand these responses were agreed with the Registrar, but please do let me know if that is not your understanding".

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