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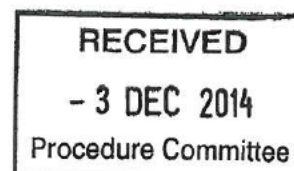
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Ms Catherine Cornish
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Dear Ms Cornish

Re: Inquiry into the role and operations of the Federation Chamber

I submit for the Committee's consideration the following comments and observations about the Federation Chamber:

- (1) The appearance, décor and setting of the Federation Chamber is not befitting of the purpose that it serves as a second chamber of the Federal Parliament and demeans the seriousness of the matters debated within it.
- (2) In my view it would be preferable to extend the sitting hours/days in the Parliament and have more debates in the main chamber.
- (3) Members are often conflicted with speaking commitments in both chambers and whilst a level of goodwill and cooperation is provided to them the situation is not ideal.
- (4) The time clock is very difficult to read.

Yours sincerely

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