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Ms Sophie Dunstone
Committee Secretary
Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
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Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Dunstone

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has examined the letters submitted by ASIO to the *Martin Place Siege Joint Commonwealth – New South Wales review*.

Question 1: *Who rang you to ask about the Monis/AG Brandis letter on the morning of Monday 1 June before you then rang Katherine Jones from the Attorney General's Department?*

Answer: I have checked my mobile records but am unable to identify or recall who rang me about the Monis/AG Brandis letter.

Question 2: *Can you tell me how much of his correspondence was referred to ASIO from other agencies?*

Answer: In the short time available (the hearing was only last night) we have searched our Review files. It appears that ASIO provided 16 letters to the Martin Place Siege Review team in response to the document discovery request. The attached table gives basic details of the letters by date, heading and recipient. Details of private citizens have been omitted.

Of the 16 letters, ASIO was either the primary recipient or a 'CC' addressee for eight letters. The remaining eight letters were all sent to non-government recipients including to the families of ADF personnel, private businesses, "Mujahids" in Pakistan and the families of the Bali bombers. I believe all of these letters were posted on the Sheikh Haron website.

None of the 16 letters appear to have been referred to ASIO by government departments, ministers or officials.

Question 3: *Can you provide the email you sent to AGD at 5:30 pm 1 June?*

Answer: The email is attached.

Question 4: *Are you aware of any letters received by other Government departments or agencies which were referred to ASIO because of Security concerns?*

Answer: No.

Yours sincerely

Allan McKinnon
A/g Associate Secretary

24 June 2015

Attachment: Letters submitted by ASIO to the *Martin Place Siege Joint Commonwealth – New South Wales review*.

#	Date	Letter heading	To	Copied to
1.	Undated	[Previous contact with ASIO Sydney office]	ASIO	-
2.	Undated	“Thank you message” of Sheikh Haron for Mujahids in Pakistan	Mujahids in Pakistan	-
3.	5 Jul 2007	Complaint from channel 7 (Broadcasting Prohibited Material)	Programming director (Channel 7) [sic]	AGD ASIO
4.	25 Nov 2007	[ADF personnel killed in Afghanistan]	[Private citizen]	Minister for Defence Nelson Chief Defence Force Houston
5.	12 Dec 2007	[ADF personnel killed in Afghanistan]	[Private citizen]	Prime Minister Rudd Attorney-General McClelland ASIO AFP ALP Liberal Party
6.	19 Mar 2008	[ADF personnel killed in Afghanistan]	[Private citizen]	-
7.	6 May 2008	Sympathy Letter	[Private citizen]	Prime Minister Rudd Opposition Leader Nelson Minister for Defence Fitzgibbon
8.	30 May 2008	Because we are Muslim	Mayor Chris Patterson, Camden Council	Prime Minister Rudd Deputy Prime Minister Gillard ASIO AFP Camden Councillor x 2
9.	2 Jul 2008	Permitted Suicide Bombing for Non-Muslims in Australia?!	AG McClelland	Prime Minister Rudd Opposition Leader Nelson Commonwealth DPP ASIO AFP United Nations Human Rights [sic] Premier NSW Premier Victoria Premier QLD Premier SA Minister for Police NSW Minister for Police Vic Minister for Police QLD Minister for Police SA

#	Date	Letter heading	To	Copied to
				Minister for Police WA
10.	14 Jul 2008	Inaccurate Reports	[Employee] Editorial Counsel, Nationwide news	-
11.	28 Jul 2008	Boeing 747-400 VH-OJK was damaged deliberately!	Mr Geoff Dixon, CEO QANTAS	-
12.	5 Aug 2008	I warned you about more similar incidents in advance but you didn't take it seriously and as a result the incidents were [sic] occurred!	Mr Geoff Dixon, CEO QANTAS	-
13.	12 Aug 2008	Dangerous Inaccurate Reports!	[Employee] Australian Press Council	Prime Minister Rudd ASIO AFP
14.	6 Nov 2008	Seyyed Hassan Nasrallah	AG McClelland	Prime Minister [sic] Opposition Leader [sic] Foreign Minister [sic] ASIO
15.	9 Nov 2008	[Congratulations to the families of the Bali bombers]	Families of Bali bombers	-
16.	29 Dec 2010	The assassination of Mr Faruque Ahmed	Director- General ASIO Irvine	-

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From: McKinnon, Allan
Sent: Monday, 1 June 2015 5:30 PM
To: [REDACTED]@ag.gov.au; [REDACTED]@ag.gov.au
Subject: Monis/Brandis [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

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Michael Thawley rang me from PMO. He wanted to know whether AGD had corrected the Senate Estimates record the other night where K Jones had said that the Monis Letter was provided to the Martin Place Review team.

He said that Senator Bishop had repeated the same line today. He wanted AGD to correct the record and to notify Senator Bishops office of the correction.

Thanks Allan

Allan McKinnon
Deputy Secretary
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet