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Mr George Christensen  
Chair  
House of Representatives Standing Committee on  
Social Policy and Legal Affairs  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Christensen

**Questions taken on notice at the House of Representatives Standing Committee on  
Social Policy and Legal Affairs roundtable on 'Drones and Privacy' 28 February 2014**

At the roundtable I took on notice questions on whether CASA was aware of local governments or private organisations undertaking personal data collection by flying over homes and neighbourhoods and whether animal liberation organisations allegedly utilising drones to fly over farms were registered with CASA to undertake that activity.

I am advised that on the first question CASA has no record of such activities being conducted. On the second question CASA can find no organisation registered to conduct the nominated activity.

I understand that during one of the breaks Mr Dreyfus asked Mr Grant Mazowita whether any of CASA's Advisory Circulars to the industry mentioned privacy and if so, whether the Committee could have copies. These Advisory Circulars are still in draft form. The current draft provides a paragraph of general advice that CASA strongly recommends operators include relevant privacy provisions in their operations manuals. The Circular also includes a number of links to relevant privacy material, including the Privacy Act and material produced by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Aviation Safety