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Senator the Hon Kate Lundy
Chair
Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee
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Dear Senator

Thank you for your letter dated 27 June 2014 regarding the Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee inquiry into domestic violence in Australia.

The Coalition believes it is fundamental that women and their families are safe from violence. Domestic violence and sexual assault perpetrated against women costs the nation \$13.6 billion each year. By 2021, the figure is likely to rise to \$15.6 billion if extra steps are not taken to address violence against women.

The Second Action Plan of the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022* was launched in Sydney on 27 June 2014 by the Prime Minister. The Second Action Plan contains 26 practical actions that all Australian governments agree are critical at this stage of the National Plan to improving women's safety.

Further details on the National Plan, including the original report, the First Action Plan and the Second Action Plan, can be accessed at www.dss.gov.au/nationalplan.

I commend the work of the Senate inquiry into domestic violence in Australia and look forward to the delivery of the report on 27 October 2014.

Yours sincerely

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