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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to make a short submission pointing out the need for the Senate to continue to take a strong stand on the extent of its legal powers to call for documents.

I note that the proposed process for dispute resolution does not specifically deal with this question. It is certainly consistent with the historical stance of the Senate, but it might be interpreted as a concession that the Senate's legal powers are limited in some way. Therefore, it might be preferable if it were made clear (either in the resolution itself, or in some accompanying statement) that the proposed process is not required by any imagined restriction on the Senate's powers but is solely a matter of self-restraint by the Senate in the interests of good government.

Rather than repeat myself, I take the liberty of referring to my article entitled "Parliament's Power to Require the Production of Documents - A Recent Victorian Case" in vol. 13 no. 2 of the "Deakin Law Review", and especially to pp. 24-28. This is available on line at [http://www.deakin.edu.au/buslaw/law/dlr/pdf\\_files/vol13-iss2/2-taylor.pdf](http://www.deakin.edu.au/buslaw/law/dlr/pdf_files/vol13-iss2/2-taylor.pdf)

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