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Quinton Clements  
Inquiry Secretary  
Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital  
and External Territories  
Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Quinton

Annual Report Review (External Territories): Questions From Hearing  
On 28th March, 2003

At the public hearing of the Committee on 28th March Senator Hogg asked me some questions concerning the operation of the Legislative Assembly with regard to the interest of Members. I undertook to supply some answers.

The first question concerned whether there was a public register of Member interests.

According to its Clerk the Legislative Assembly has never formally adopted a Register of Interests, Pecuniary Interests Register or Code of Practice and there is no legislation governing these matters.

The Norfolk Island Act 1979 (s.39) and the House Standing Orders (SO 139) provide guidelines for discussion/voting by a Member when that Member is a party to, or has direct or indirect interest in, a contract made by or on behalf of the Commonwealth or the Administration under which goods or services are to be supplied to the Commonwealth or the Administration. Any question concerning the application of this standing order is decided by the Assembly.

Senator Hogg's other question requires considerable research. I will be in touch about this as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



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(ACF Councillor)



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