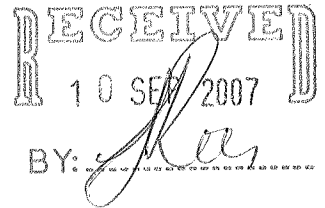




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Dr A Southcott MP
Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Southcott

Thank you for your letter of 7 August 2007 in which you invite comments on the following treaties tabled on that day:

- *Agreement between Australia and the Hellenic Republic on Social Security (Canberra, 23 May 2007);*
- *Agreement between Australia and Japan on Social Security (Canberra, 27 February 2007); and*
- *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines concerning the Status of Visiting Forces of Each State in the Territory of the Other State (Canberra, 31 May 2007).*

In relation to the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines concerning the Status of Visiting Forces of Each State in the Territory of the Other State (Canberra, 31 May 2007)*, it is recommended that under Article 11 (Criminal Jurisdiction), a provision be included in paragraph 10(h) to provide that the court may close the court if the relevant legislation permits or requires the court to be closed to the public.

Subject to the above comment, the Tasmanian Government supports the agreements outlined in the proposed treaties.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

Paul Lennon
Premier