

**Report concerning an
application from
Mr Andrew Dettmer for the
publication of a response to a
reference made in the House
of Representatives**

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- 1.1 Mr Andrew Dettmer has made an application, under the procedure adopted by the House on 27 August 1997, for the publication of a response to a reference made in relation to him by Hon Sussan Ley MP on 30 March 2023 in the House.
- 1.2 The committee considers Mr Dettmer should be given a response and the terms of the response have been agreed by him and the committee. A copy of the response is at Appendix 1.
- 1.3 In agreeing to the response, the committee notes, as required by the resolution of the House for rights of reply, that it has not considered or judged the truth of any statement made by a Member in the House or by the person seeking a response.
- 1.4 The committee recommends that a response by Mr Dettmer (at Appendix 1) to a reference made about him, on 30 March 2023 in the House, be incorporated in Hansard.

MR ROB MITCHELL MP
Chair
June 2023

Appendix 1

Response by Mr Andrew Dettmer to remarks made by the Member for Farrer

The Member for Farrer, the Hon Sussan Ley MP, made references to me in the House on 30 March 2023, which adversely affected my reputation.

Ms Ley stated that I am completely unprofessional. Ms Ley also implied that I am an aggressive man; am receiving a golden handshake; talk over women at meetings; insult the appearance of women in meetings; am incapable of compromise; am aggressive to and dismissive of women; and am receiving preferential treatment as a “union mate”.

I am none of these things. Ms Ley adduces no proof of these things because there is none. My reputation is critically important to me, and these words are deeply offensive to me.