



Appendix A – Correspondence from Ministers



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The Hon David Jull MP
Chairman
Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Jull

Thank you for your letter of 28 August 2002 which sought my advice as to whether the disclosure of any part of the draft Annual Report of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD, would or might disclose information on the identity of a member of ASIS or operationally sensitive information that would or might prejudice Australia's security, foreign relations or the performance by ASIS of its functions.

Having reviewed the draft report I do not consider that disclosure of any part of the draft Annual Report would or might identify a past or present staff member or agent of ASIS; disclose information from which the identity of such a person could reasonably be inferred; or disclose operationally sensitive information or information that would or might prejudice Australia's national security or the conduct of Australia's foreign relations, or the performance by ASIS of its functions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexander Downer', written in a cursive style.

Alexander Downer

18 SEP 2002



Senator the Hon Robert Hill
Leader of the Government in the Senate
Minister for Defence

Mr David Jull MP
Chairman
Parliamentary Joint Committee
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Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

18 SEP 2002

Dear Mr Jull

Thank you for your recent letter submitting the draft Annual Report of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD for my consideration.

I have considered the draft Annual Report of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD for 2001-2002 and am satisfied that the report adheres to the requirements of Schedule 1, Clause 7(3) of the *Intelligence Services Act 2001*.

I understand I will have the opportunity to comment on the substantive issues in the report when you submit it to Government for consideration.

Yours sincerely

Robert Hill



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The Hon David Jull MP
Committee Chair
Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Jull

Thank you for your letter received on 28 August 2002 attaching the draft report of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD. I have considered the report and consulted with the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation and advise that the report does not contain any information which could identify a member of ASIO or any information that is operationally sensitive.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Daryl Williams'.

DARYL WILLIAMS