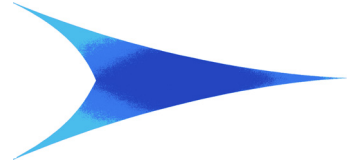


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Dear Mr Ruddock,

Inquiry into Australian Expatriates: Government Response

We write concerning the abovementioned Inquiry, conducted by the Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee. The Inquiry was completed early last year and the Senate Committee's resulting Report was tabled on 8 March 2005.

Almost 700 submissions were received by the Senate Committee as part of the Inquiry, and the 16 recommendations in the 8 March 2005 Report were very much welcomed by the Australian expatriate community.

More than a year after the publication of that Report, however, we still await the Government's response.

Could you advise when the Government expects to table that response?

Yours sincerely

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