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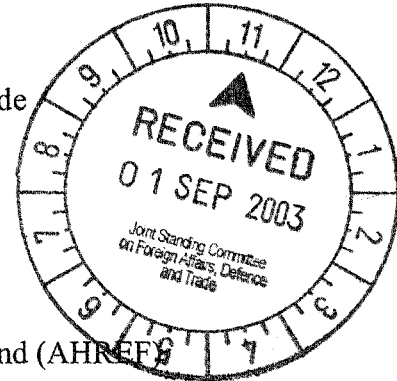
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Adam Cunningham
Secretary
Human Rights Sub-Committee/Trade Sub-Committee
Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Parliament House,
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Adam,

Re: Question about the Australian Human Rights Education Fund (AHREF)

Further to your inquiry regarding the National Committee on Human Rights Education (Inc.) Australian Human Rights Education Fund (AHREF), I write to provide you with the background details of the establishment of the fund and the purpose behind it.

The Fund was established in 2001 for the specific purposes of attracting gifts from the private and public sector for the initiatives of the committee in promoting human rights education in Australia. This fund has tax deductibility status for the purpose of attracting gifts from the corporate sector, for which receipts are issued. In this context it is operated under the auspices of the National Committee on Human Rights Education (Inc.).

To date we have attracted funding from three corporate sources. Two of these contributions have been specifically sought for the purposes of supporting NCHRE conferences. A gift in the financial year of 2002-2003 was to assist with the conference that the Committee held at ANU in Canberra in August, 2002. A further gift in this financial year, 2003-2004, has been received to assist NCHRE with the hosting of our proposed conference in Sydney in December, 2003. In the context of this conference, we are proposing to formally launch the Australian Human Rights Education Fund at the conference dinner to be held in Sydney on December 6th, 2003. We envisage that corporate entities will be invited to attend this function and contribute gifts to the fund.

In addition, Committee Members are currently engaged in significant fundraising efforts for the proposed Australian National Centre for Human Rights Education, as indicated in the evidence to the Parliamentary Inquiry that was held in Perth in April this year.

I trust this clarifies the question that you raised with regard to the AHREF fund.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Thomson

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