



Ms Lyn Beverley
Committee Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Beverley

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015, 19 October 2015 - action taken by the Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS) regarding the sourcing of products for the Parliament Shop

In response to the Chair's question raised at the Supplementary Budget Estimates Committee hearing on 19 October 2015 concerning items stocked in the Parliament Shop, DPS is preparing new guidelines to govern the selection and approval of products for the Parliament Shop.

These guidelines will include product selection criteria, clear approval processes and provisions for administering licence agreements with artists, photographers and producers who have provided artworks, images or other objects that are commercialised as products by DPS for the Parliament Shop.

In the meantime I have issued an instruction with immediate effect that no new stock is to use artwork, photographs or other images created by DPS employees, with the exception of AUSPIC images.

In relation to the items using Ms Bowring-Greer's images, a licence agreement was signed by Ms Bowring-Greer giving permission for DPS to reproduce two of her images as postcards and a fridge magnet. The agreement made clear that she would receive no remuneration for the use of these images.

In my evidence, I advised the following (page 54):

Dr Heriot: Copyright resides with the Commonwealth for things that we do as its employees.

I am advised that the license agreement acknowledges that Ms Bowring-Greer in fact holds the copyright to the images used. The record is unclear as to whether the photographs were taken while on duty or in her own time.

I hope this clarifies the matter and addresses any concerns you have in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely

Dr Dianne Heriot
Acting Secretary