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12 FEB 2007

Senator Brett Mason
Chairman
Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Senator Mason

During the examination by the Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration of the Department of the Senate this morning, Senator Robert Ray asked how many parliamentary delegations I have led since becoming President in August 2002.

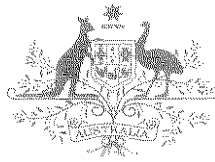
The answer is six:-

48 th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Namibia –	September 2002
Delegation to Japan and the Republic of Korea –	December 2003
Delegation to European Institutions and France –	April 2004
Delegation to Russian Federation and Italy –	April 2005
51 st Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Fiji Islands -	September 2005
Delegation to Trinidad & Tobago and the USA –	June 2006

Note that this list does not include other official travel which I may have undertaken, not as Leader of a parliamentary delegation.

Yours sincerely

(Paul Calvert)

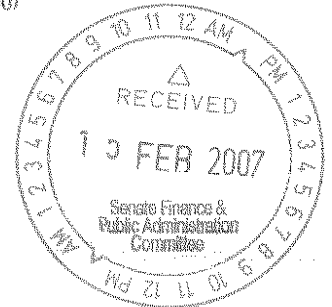


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15 FEB 2007

Mr Alistair Sands
Secretary
Standing Committee on Finance and Administration
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Alistair,

During the committee hearings on 12 February 2007 examining the estimates of the Department of the Senate, the President was asked about the numbers of parliamentary delegations he has led over the last three years, and any he is proposing to lead this year.

The President has responded in relation to each parliamentary delegation he has led since becoming President in August 2002.

For completeness, and in the absence of the President, I should add that the President intends to lead a parliamentary delegation to Malta, GC, and Spain scheduled for April 2007, but the plans for that delegation are not yet finalised.

I would be grateful if you would provide a copy of this letter to the committee.

Yours sincerely

(Don Morris)
Private Secretary