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Ms Sue Morton
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Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
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Dear Ms Morton

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – Budget Estimates Hearing of
30 May 2002**

I refer to the Finance and Public Administration Committee's hearing on 30 May 2002. At the hearing Senator Faulkner asked a question in relation to repayments made by Members of Parliament (Staff) Act (MOP(S)) employees and the Department undertook to get back to the Committee with a response quickly.

Senator Faulkner asked "*were there any repayments involved in relation to adjustment to those figures*". The figures Senator Faulkner was referring to are the figures provided earlier in the hearing by the Special Minister of State, Senator the Hon Eric Abetz, in answer to Senator Faulkner's question concerning the aggregate amounts of Travelling Allowance (TA) paid to MOP(S) staff for overnight stays in Melbourne between 1 October 2001 and 18 November 2001.

The answer to Senator Faulkner's question is that there were no repayments by staff of TA paid for overnight stays in Melbourne between 1 October 2001 and 18 November 2001. The figures provided at the hearing do include adjustments on acquittals post travel by staff for such things as a change of itinerary, change of accommodation type or cancellation of the intended staff travel by the employing Senator or Member.

Yours sincerely

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