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Mr Alistair Sands
Secretary
Finance and Public Administration Committee
Department of the Senate
Parliament House ACT 2600

Dear Alistair

Please find attached the Commonwealth Ombudsman's response to Budget Estimates May 2006 questions PM42 and PM50.

In relation to PM42, further isolation of internal legal costs would require resource-intensive manual processing. Should this level of reporting be required, or if you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on phone (02) 62763747.

Yours sincerely

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