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Ms Kathy Mitchell *AM 8/12*
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Dear Ms Mitchell,

RE: 2004 FEDERAL ELECTION

I refer to your letter of 25 November 2005. I note with interest that you enclosed an extract from the Senate Hearings of 12 September 2005. The fact that spurious and incorrect allegations were made by Bob Brown under cover of Parliamentary privilege where he cannot be sued for defamation is irrelevant. I draw your attention to the answer from Senator Abetz and in particular the Senator's remarks about the intolerance of Bob Brown.

In relation to the fourth paragraph of your letter, I advise the following:

1. I did not incur any electoral expenditure during the 2004 Federal Election.
2. I did not incur any electoral expenditure in any previous Federal Election campaigns.
3. I did authorise the pamphlet referred to in the second paragraph of your letter.
4. The pamphlet was printed by Wilmac Enterprises Pty Ltd and I am advised that that company has furnished the relevant return for the 2004 Federal Election to the Commission.
5. I did not pay Wilmac Enterprises Pty Ltd for printing the pamphlet, nor provide that company with any funds whatsoever.
6. I did not receive or make any donations for the 2004 Federal Election requiring completion of a third party return.
7. In the last paragraph on page 1 of your letter, you refer to the exclusive Brethren. As previously advised, I am a member of the Brethren but I neither act for nor represent the Brethren. Therefore, I do not understand why you are sending me forms which apparently you require to be completed by another person, persons or organisation.

Yours faithfully

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