



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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Senator Helen Polley
Chair
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator Polley

I wrote to you on 24 May 2012 to correct the record of a matter discussed at your Committee's Estimates hearing on 21 May 2012. The discussion was raised by Senator Ronaldson.

The matter concerned allegations made to the Parliamentary Service Commissioner by a former Parliamentary Service employee, including allegations against the former Secretary, Department of Parliamentary Services.

In my letter I advised that the Commissioner's investigation of the allegations against Mr Thompson was close to finality and a report to the Speaker and myself. I undertook to advise the Committee of the outcome in due course.

The Commissioner has now reported on his investigation into the allegations. He found no evidence to support the allegations and recommended that the Speaker and I should take no further action in relation to them.

I have provided a copy of this letter to Senator Ronaldson.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John Hogg'.

JOHN HOGG

c.c Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson