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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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Senator Brett Mason
Chairman
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
The Senate
Parliament House

Dear Senator Mason

During the Committee's consideration of supplementary budget estimates on 3 November 2003, I undertook to take two matters on notice, and provide further information on a third matter, if it was available.

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In regard to the House of Representatives standing orders relating to disorder, the relevant standing orders are number 303 to 306.

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No earlier drafts of the security directive have been retained in my office. It is regular practice, in cases where a document is to be signed by both Presiding Officers, for rough drafts to be sent to and fro before a final set of words is agreed upon. The usual practice is that only the document finally signed is retained on the file, not the working drafts. That is the case in this instance.

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In regard to when the progress report of the Parliamentary Service Commissioner was provided relating to the appointment of the Secretary of the new Department of Parliamentary Services, it was dated 29 September and received in the President's office on 30 September 2003.

Yours sincerely

(Paul Calvert)