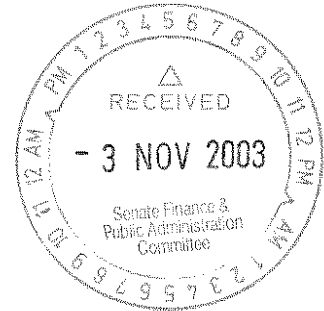




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Senator Brett Mason  
Chair  
Finance & Public Administration Legislation Committee

Dear Senator Mason

I undertook at this afternoon's supplementary Budget Estimates hearings for the Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff to check whether any draft Hansard transcripts of President Bush's speech to the joint meeting of the House of Representatives and the Senate were prepared which included interjections by Senators Brown and Nettle.

I have checked with Mr Fowler, the Director, Chambers in Hansard, and he assures me that no such transcripts were produced.

I hope this is of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

J.W. Templeton  
Secretary

3 November 2003