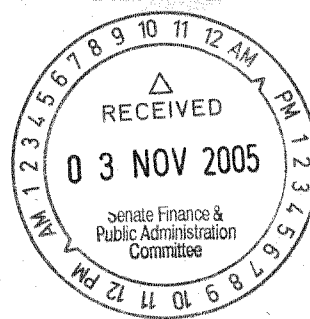




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Senator Brett Mason

Chairman

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Parliament House

CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Mason

During the hearing of the additional estimates for the Department of Parliamentary Services on Monday 31 October 2005, I referred to the membership of the Historic Memorials Committee (HMC).

I should clarify my evidence to advise the Committee that the Executive Council Minute of December 1911 which established the HMC prescribed the membership as:

The Prime Minister (Chairman)

The President of the Senate

The Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Vice-President of the Executive Council

The Leader of the Opposition

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Further information will be provided on the HMC when other questions taken on notice are responded to, but I wanted to clarify the membership promptly.

Yours sincerely

(Paul Calvert)