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Ms Christine McDonald
Secretary
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
The Senate
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms McDonald

I refer to my letter of 17 October 2011 in which I provided answers to questions taken on notice when the Senate Department appeared before the committee on the same day.

Now that the Committee Secretariat has provided the final index of questions on notice, I provide an answer to the additional question (No.5) regarding the printing of a committee report placed on notice by Senator Cameron.

- 1. On what date was the report of the Senate Select Committee on the Scrutiny of New Taxes, *The Mining Tax: a bad tax out of a flawed process* printed?**

The report, *The Mining Tax: A bad tax out of a flawed process* was received in the departmental printing unit on Monday 27 June 2011 at 11:52am. Printing commenced on Monday 27 June. The Table Office document store picked up their 150 copies on Tuesday 28 June. A request was made by the committee for 50 copies to be completed by 4.30pm on 27 June and our records show this request was met.

- 2. Was any overtime worked in the process of printing the report? If so, what was the cost of the overtime worked?**

Departmental records indicate that no overtime was worked on 27 or 28 June by Senate printing unit staff.

- 3. Prior to the tabling of the report on 29th June 2011, were any copies of the printed report shipped to Perth? If so, who requested that the copies be shipped to Perth, by what means were they shipped to Perth, how many copies were shipped and what was the cost of the shipping?**

Yes, printed and embargoed* copies of the report, sealed in packs of 10, were shipped to Perth prior to 29 June 2011. This was requested by Senator Cormann, Chair of the Committee, through his Office. A total of 50 embargoed reports were shipped to Perth in the luggage of the Chief of Staff to Senator Cormann, Mr Slade Brockman, on Monday, 27 June 2011. This arrangement involved no cost to the Senate department.

Yours sincerely

(Rosemary Laing)

* Till tabling, including with reference to the Order of the Senate of 22 November 1995 relating to the protection of minority reports till tabling.