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Ms Christine McDonald
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Finance and Public Administration
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms McDonald

Clarification of Evidence Provided at Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing, 15 October 2012: Department of Parliamentary Services

At the hearing of 15 October, I was asked a number of questions by Senators Ronaldson and Faulkner regarding a Code of Conduct inquiry (pages 49 to 51 in the Proof Committee Hansard), including the following exchange (page 51)

Senator FAULKNER: Were transcripts of interviews kept?

Dr Heriot: Yes.

Senator FAULKNER: In full?

Dr Heriot: I believe so.

Senator FAULKNER: So you were able to review complete transcripts.

Dr Heriot: Yes.

Having now had the opportunity to refer to my notes, I wish to clarify my evidence.

In the course of his investigation, Mr Long interviewed eight current and former DPS staff. Of these, Mr Long determined three did not have material knowledge relevant to the inquiry and a no record of interview was provided with his report. Of the five others, full transcripts were provided of interviews with Ms Konig and Mr Raadts. The remaining three provided formal statements (which Mr Long provided with his final report). In addition to her interview, Ms Konig provided a statement and then a further statement in response to Mr Long's findings. I was able to review all of this material.

Ms Konig also provided the names of three former and present colleagues who might attest to her character and ethics. They were given the opportunity to comment. The comments of the two who responded were included in Mr Long's report.

Yours sincerely

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