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Mr Peter Hallahan  
Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Hallahan

I am writing to clarify two aspects of the evidence I gave at the Committee's Estimates hearing on 20 October 2008.

On page 76 I said that 'They are concerned to make sure that the importers ... in fact comply with the ... requirements ... in terms of classification.'

To avoid any doubt, I wish to clarify that the Department through the Classification Liaison Scheme (previously known as the Community Liaison Scheme) monitors the compliance of distributors and retailers with classification requirements.

On page 81 of the Hansard I said that the publishers of Art Monthly may have thought that 'In order to be on the safe side of the law we should submit this for classification to avoid being taken to court and prosecuted.'

I wish to clarify that Art Monthly was classified following the exercise of a statutory power by the Director of the Classification Board to request that it be submitted for classification, rather than voluntarily submitted by the publishers.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary