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Senator the Hon. Paul Calvert
President of the Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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CLERK'S OFFICE


Dear President

I refer to the Clerk of the Senate, Mr Harry Evans' letter of 13 November 2002 advising the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission of the Senate's Notice of Motion 197 passed on 12 November 2002 which requires the Commission to advise the Senate on its progress in responding to the Senate order of 27 June 2002.

I am writing to advise that the Commission is currently investigating the two issues raised in the Senate's June 2002 motion. We have used our statutory powers to acquire documents and have sought assistance from some interested parties with respect to obtaining other publicly available documents. It is taking some time for Commission staff to go through the information received. The Commission is not in a position to provide the Senate with any more detailed information on the status of these investigations at this time.

I therefore do not expect to provide a response to the Senate until its investigations in these matters are complete, at which time it expects to provide a joint response with the Department of Health and Ageing who will respond to points (f) and (g) of the Motion.

Yours sincerely



Professor Allan Fels, AO
Chairman

Noted
5/12/00
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