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Senator Rachel Siewert Chair Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Re: Gene Patents Inquiry - Question on Notice at 20 August 2009 hearing

Dear Senator Siewert

I am writing in response to your request to consider other witnesses' evidence at the above hearing regarding some of the ALRC recommendations being outdated (see CA49 of the Hansard transcript).

I have reviewed the proof Hansard transcript of 20 August 2009 and could not find references to any specific ALRC recommendations being outdated so I am unable to provide any feedback.

Yours sincerely

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