Review of the Whole of Government IT Outsourcing Initiative

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Dear Senator Campbell

Thank you for your letter of 21 February 2001. I note that the Committee intends to continue to investigate the conflicting opinions on the status of the submissions received in the course of my inquiry.

In forming its opinion of 20 December 2000, the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) was not restricted in any way to access to any relevant information. Indeed, the AGS was given complete access to Secretariat premises and staff in advance of forming its opinion. I also understand that the AGS was engaged at the commencement of the Review to advise on and prepare my letter of appointment.

I have furnished your Committee with the AGS's advice of 20 December 2000 as well as the later confirmation of that opinion. Having done so, I am unable to be of any further assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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