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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



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Mr Alistair Sands
Secretary
Finance and Public Administration
References Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA 2600

Inquiry into Matters Relating to the Gallipoli Peninsula

Dear Mr Sands

At the hearings of the above inquiry on 17 June 2005, I was asked by Senator Bishop to table two sets of legal advice concerning the Lausanne Treaty to which I had referred. The legal advice had been prepared by officers of this department. I undertook to seek advice as to whether it was permitted to table such advice. I am advised that under Senate Standing Order 73, the department is unable to provide legal advice for the committee and that therefore it would not be appropriate to table this advice.

Yours sincerely

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First Assistant Secretary
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