

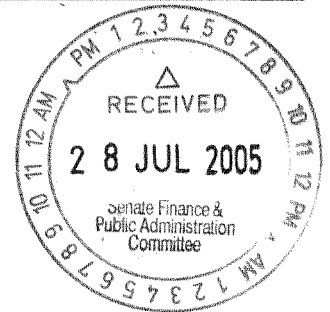


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The National Centre of Science,
Information and Communication Technology, and Mathematics
Education for Rural and Regional Australia

25/7/05

Mr Alistair Sands
Secretary
Finance and Public Administration
Reference Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600



Dear Alistair

Attach please find some minor corrections to the public available transcript and advice on the in camera transcript.

Advice on the white in public transcript follows.

On F & PA 6 last comment by Prof. Pegg beginning "They have it under ..." in the second line "tiered" should be "tied"

And in the third last line "deans" should be "aims"

On F & PA 7 request for information

The initial draft application was sent to Canberra close to the 12th June.

On F & PA 12 last comment by Prof. Pegg beginning "You have to see..." Second last line "move our" is repeated

On F & PA 16 there is a request for information about dates for meeting with John Anderson the Deputy Prime Minister

First meeting with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for DOTARS occurred on 26 September, 2003 at UNE. Second meeting (informal) with DPM was on 4 May, 2004 at the public opening of the Student Centre at UNE. Third meeting with DPM (informal) occurred at 21 May, 2004 at Budget Briefing Luncheon in Armidale. The fourth meeting (formal) occurred on the 26 May in DPM office in Canberra. The fifth meeting with DPM was 22 July, 2004 at the official opening of the SiMERR National Centre.



Advice on the yellow in camera transcript follows.

Following the telephone conversation with you Professor Victor Minichiello and myself on Thursday afternoon 21/7, I wish to confirm in writing the decision that we took concerning **what aspects of the in camera discussion should be made public.** Our advice is that the discussion that should be placed on the public record begins on the yellow pages F & PA 5. It starts with a comment from the Chair beginning "Are you confident that ..." it then continues until F & PA 7 and finishes with a comment from Prof. Minichiello half way down the page saying "No."

All the rest of the in camera transcript, both before and after the section described above, should remain in camera.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Pegg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and the last name "Pegg" clearly distinguishable.

Professor John Pegg
Director SiMERR National Centre

cc. Professor Victor Minichiello