

Mr Owen Walsh  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee  
S1.61  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Monday 25 July 2005

Dear Owen,

**Re: Question on Notice taken by the Australian Writers' Guild in the inquiry by the Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee into the *Copyright Amendment (Film Directors Rights) Bill 2005***

As I said in my submission to the Committee, I was not employed by the AWG during the 2001 Federal election.

While I am certain that my predecessor knew of the Government's election policy, I can find no record of any submissions made to Government by my predecessor after the 2001 election regarding Directors Copyright.

I have made no submissions to Government on this issue prior to the submission I made on 27 June 2005. I point out again to the Committee that at no time during my employment as Executive Director of the AWG, has the Guild been approached to make a submission regarding Directors Copyright.

I also remind the Committee that I learnt about this current Inquiry through a colleague from the Visual Arts sector.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me on tel: 02 9281 1554 (ext. 227) / 0414 573 336 or email: [melliott@awg.com.au](mailto:melliott@awg.com.au)

Sincerely,



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