

# Report

1.1 On 11 May 2010 the President of the Senate, Senator the Hon. John Hogg, received a submission from the President of the Church of Scientology Australia, Ms Vicki Dunstan, seeking redress under the resolution of the Senate of 25 February 1988 relating to the protection of persons referred to in the Senate (Privilege Resolution 5).

1.2 The submission referred to comments made by Senators Xenophon, Milne and Bob Brown in the Senate on 11 and 18 March 2010. The President, having accepted the submission as a submission for the purposes of the resolution, referred it to the Committee of Privileges on 12 May 2010.

1.3 The committee met in private session on 17 June 2010 and, pursuant to paragraph (3) of Privilege Resolution 5, decided to consider the submission. The response, which the committee now recommends for incorporation in *Hansard*, has been agreed to by Ms Dunstan and the committee in accordance with Resolution 5(7)(b).

1.4 The committee draws attention to paragraph 5(6) of the resolution which requires that, in considering a submission under this resolution and reporting to the Senate, the committee shall not consider or judge the truth of any statements made in the Senate or of the submission.

1.5 The committee **recommends:**

**That a response by Ms Vicki Dunstan in the terms specified at Appendix One, be incorporated in *Hansard*.**

Senator David Johnston  
**Chair**

