The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia

Report concerning an application from Mr Matthew Joyce for the publication of a response to a reference made in the House of Representatives

House of Representatives Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests

February 2013 Canberra

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- 1.1 Mr Matthew Joyce has made an application, under the procedure adopted by the House on 27 August 1997, for the publication of a response to references made about him in the House by Hon Stuart Robert MP on 11 October 2012.
- 1.2 The Committee considers Mr Joyce should be given a response and the terms of the response have been agreed by him and the Committee. A copy of the response is at Appendix 1.
- 1.3 In agreeing to the response, the Committee notes, as required by the resolution of the House for Rights of Reply, that it has not considered or judged the truth of any statements made by Members in the House or by the person seeking a response.
- 1.4 The Committee recommends that a response by Mr Joyce (at Appendix 1) to references made about him in the House on 11 October 2012 be incorporated in Hansard.

HON NICOLA ROXON MP Chair February 2013



Appendix 1

Response by Mr Matthew Joyce to remarks made by the Member for Fadden

On 11 October 2012, the Member for Fadden, Mr Stuart Robert MP, made a speech in the House of Representatives concerning the role of Sunland Group Limited (Sunland) in a land transaction in Dubai in 2007, a transaction which is the subject of both an Australian civil proceeding and a criminal proceeding in Dubai involving me.

The speech by Mr Robert MP contains a number of statements that are misleading, inaccurate and contrary to the findings made in a judgment handed down in the Supreme Court of Victoria.

I reject the specific statements that Mr Robert made in relation to me.