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19 October 2005

Mr Jason Sherd
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Joint Committee on Publications
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Sherd

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Inquiry by the Joint Committee on Publications into the distribution of the Parliamentary Papers Series.

Reports provided through the Parliamentary Papers Series are an essential resource for this department as well as many other Australian Government departments and agencies. I am concerned that the proposed distribution arrangements will impact on access to information about the government and parliament's programmes and business by this department, other government agencies and the wider Australian public.

A copy of a letter sent to the Clerk Assistant (Table), House of Representatives, by this department on 14 September 2005 regarding proposed changes to the distribution of the Parliamentary Papers Series is attached.

This department has provided input to submissions prepared by the Australian Government Library Information Network (AGLIN) and the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). The department supports the views of the peak bodies expressed in the detailed submissions.

Yours sincerely

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(Jenny Goddard)
Deputy Secretary

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14 September 2005

Ms Robyn McClelland
Clerk Assistant (Table)
House of Representatives
Parliament House
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Dear Ms McClelland

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS SERIES – CHANGES TO ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

We are in receipt of your letter of 19 July 2005 (Ref:2004/179) regarding changes to the distribution of the Parliamentary Papers Series.

The Parliamentary Papers Series forms an important and highly utilised part of the PM&C Library's collection. As the work of our department encompasses all portfolios, we need to ensure that our holdings of Parliamentary Papers are comprehensive and kept up to date. The only effective way to achieve this under present circumstances, where online availability of all Parliamentary Papers is not yet a reality, indexes to the series are inadequate and email and other alerting services about the series are non-existent, is to automatically receive the full series from you free of charge as is currently the case.

We request therefore, that the PM&C Library remain on the list of libraries eligible for free entitlement to the Parliamentary Paper Series.

Yours sincerely

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Greg Williams
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