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Senate F&PA Committee
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Mr John Conde
President
Remuneration Tribunal
PO Box 281
Civic Square ACT 2608

Inquiry: Additional Estimates 2016-17
Date/Time: 28/2/17
Witness Name: Minister Cormann
Organisation:

Dear Mr Conde

We are writing to you in our capacity as Ministers responsible for the Commonwealth's sole ownership shareholding of the National Broadband Network company (the company) to inform you of the proposed approach to the remuneration of key positions within the company.

The company, currently named ACN 136 533 741 Limited, was incorporated with an interim board on 9 April 2009. The company has been established as a Corporations Act company and is proposed to be operated as a Government Business Enterprise (GBE) under the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* at arms-length from Government. It has not yet been prescribed as a GBE but we expect this to happen shortly. The Government's intention is that the company will eventually be the owner and operator of a network that will connect Australian homes, schools and workplaces with high speed broadband services.

Given that the company has been established with the view to taking on private owners within the next few years, we do not propose to have the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company designated as a Principal Executive Office, or to seek a Remuneration Tribunal determination in relation to the role. For your information, the Board of the company has appointed a CEO, Mr Michael Quigley, with a remuneration package comparable to the remuneration of other Managing Directors of large GBEs.

We have appointed the Mr Quigley as interim Executive Chairperson of the Board of the company until a permanent Chair is appointed, which should occur within the next twelve months. It is not proposed that any additional remuneration will be paid for this interim appointment.

We intend that the remaining positions on the company board will be filled in the next few months. We propose to write to you before this occurs to provide more information on the operations of the company, and to seek a determination for the remuneration of board members and the long term Chairperson.

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We look forward to working with you in relation to this company.

Yours sincerely

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Stephen Conroy

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