



SENATOR THE HON MATHIAS CORMANN
Minister for Finance and the Public Service
Leader of the Government in the Senate



Senator the Hon Scott Ryan
President of the Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr President

I write with regard to questions I took on notice from Senator Carr during Question Time on Monday, 12 November 2018 on the matter of the Member for Dunkley's eligibility to sit in the House of Representatives.

The Australian Research Council grant that has been referred to in media reports and on which the Senator's question is based, is a grant to the University of Melbourne. It is not a grant to any company. Under the relevant grant program, universities partner with the private sector on research projects.

The private sector entities do not receive the grants; in fact, they have to contribute in cash or in-kind to the relevant research projects.

I have copied this letter to Senator Carr.

Kind regards

Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance and the Public Service

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Dear Mr President

I write with regard to questions I took on notice from Senator Wong during Question Time on Monday, 12 November 2018 on the matter of the employment of the Prime Minister as Managing Director of Tourism Australia between 2004-2006.

I can confirm that the flagship campaign – *So, where the bloody hell are you* – developed under the stewardship of the Prime Minister as Managing Director contributed to an additional \$2.1 billion to the industry's bottom-line over 2006-07.

I can confirm that both the 2004-05 and 2005-06 annual report financial statements were independently audited by the ANAO and found to be a true and fair view of its financial position.

I can confirm that the performance requirements for the Prime Minister's contract at Tourism Australia were fully satisfied.

I can confirm that the then Shadow Minister for Tourism Martin Ferguson was a strong supporter of the Prime Minister as Managing Director of Tourism Australia.

I can confirm that under the Prime Minister's leadership of Tourism Australia, in 2005-06:

- The number of nights stayed by international visitors increased by 12%;
- The tourism spend in Australia increased by 10%; and
- There was an increase of 3% in Tourism Inbound Economic Value to \$18.8 billion.

I have copied this letter to the Prime Minister and Senator Wong.

Kind regards

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