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The Honourable Senator Parry
President of the Senate.

Dear President,

I have received a letter addressed to me personally from Honourable George Brandis, dated the 29th October 2016. The letter contained by way of certain questions of law relating to the purported proceedings in the matter of *Bell V Culleton SG 23/2016*.

This is the first written notice I have had in relation to the action (*Bell V Culleton SG 23/2016*). However, I wish to give notice that I have never been personally served with any writ nor petition to the matter, nor have I ever received a notice from the court of substituted service. It is however, a requirement under the Rule 30.04.3 *High Court Rules 2004*, which state, must be personally served on me within time and this has not happened to date. Mr President, I am seeking further legal advice to the matter and have forwarded the *opinion of Justin Gleeson SC, Solicitor General*, to my Barrister Mr Peter King for his advice.

Due to the Attorney General raising this issue with me early yesterday, being the weekend, I have only been able to get interim advice.

I wish to inform you, that at all material times, I want to maintain the highest standard of integrity as a Senator and do not want to bring the house into disrepute pending further advice. I wish to remain honourable to the President and respectful to other Senators of the house, and in order to do so, I wish to refrain from voting on any contentious form of legislation until all matters are resolved by the responsible authority.

I am quite confident that I will remain in the Senate for my full term, notwithstanding that my position has been challenged.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Attorney General as well as yourself.

Yours faithfully

Senator Rodney Norman Culleton.

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