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Minister for Foreign Affairs

Dr Dennis Jensen MP Chair Standing Committee on Petitions Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Ref: 1032/1517

Dear Chair

Thank you for the letter dated 14 May 2015 regarding the submission received by the Standing Committee on Petitions, which called for the restoration of the Lao Monarchy.

I understand that the submission is requesting Australian Government advocacy on the issue. The Australian Government's view is that how Laos is governed is a matter for the Lao people.

I trust this information is of assistance.

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Yours sincerely

Julie Bishop

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