

Report

1.1 On 10 December 2013 the President of the Senate, Senator the Honourable John Hogg, received a submission from Father Frank Brennan SJ AO seeking redress under the resolution of the Senate of 25 February 1988 relating to the protection of persons referred to in the Senate (Privilege Resolution 5).

1.2 The submission referred to a speech made by Senator Brandis in the Senate on 4 December 2013. The President accepted the submission as a submission for the purposes of the resolution and referred it to the Committee of Privileges.

1.3 The committee met on 12 December 2013 and, pursuant to paragraph (3) of Privilege Resolution 5, decided to consider the submission. The committee resolved to recommend that the response be incorporated in Hansard without change. In considering the submission, the committee did not find it necessary to confer with the person making the submission.

1.4 The committee draws attention to paragraph 5(6) of the resolution which requires that, in considering a submission under this resolution and reporting to the Senate, the committee shall not consider or judge the truth of any statements made in the Senate or in the submission.

1.5 The committee **recommends:**

That a response by Father Frank Brennan SJ AO, in the terms specified at Appendix 1, be incorporated in *Hansard*.

Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins
Chair

