
From: Turnbull, Malcolm
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To: Parkinson, Martin
Subject: Mr Joyce

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Dear Martin

As we discussed this morning, I request you provide me with advice relating to the Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP and the Statement of Ministerial Standards.

As I reiterated to you, the Deputy Prime Minister continues to give me an unequivocal assurance that he has not breached any rules or standards relating to his position as Minister.

However, to ensure complete transparency the DPM and I have agreed that you will examine these matters.

The Deputy Prime Minister has assured me that he will cooperate with you and provide all information and assistance.

I expect that this advice to be prepared for the purposes of consideration by the Governance Committee of Cabinet.

Regards

Malcolm Turnbull

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Dear Prime Minister

I am writing in regard to your request of 21 February 2018 that I undertake an inquiry into any possible breach of the Statement of Ministerial Standards by the Hon Barnaby Joyce, MP.

In light of Mr Joyce's decision to step-down from the ministry, I have concluded there is little to be gained from continuing this investigation.

I note, however, that the audit into the use of travel and travel-related expenses by Mr Joyce and Ms Campion by the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority is ongoing.

Yours sincerely

26 February 2018