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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SENATOR THE HONOURABLE SCOTT RYAN

Senator James Paterson
Chair
Senate Finance & Public Administration Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

James

I write to inform you and committee members that on 14 June 2018 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and I received notification from the Acting Merit Protection Commissioner, Mr Mark Davidson of his intention to conduct an inquiry into the alleged conduct of the Australian Public Service Commissioner.

As outlined in my letter to the Committee on 23 May 2018 and consistent with section 50(1)(b) of the *Public Service Act 1999*, reports of such inquiries are provided to the Presiding Officers.

I have attached a copy of Mr Davidson's correspondence.

Yours sincerely

SCOTT RYAN

20 June 2018



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Senator the Hon. Scott Ryan
President of the Senate
The Senate
Parliament House
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The Hon. Tony Smith MP
Speaker
House of Representatives
Parliament House
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Dear Presiding Officers

I refer to my letter of 23 May 2018 about an allegation of a breach of the Australian Public Service Code of Conduct that I have received about the alleged conduct of the Australian Public Service Commissioner.

I have decided that an inquiry should be conducted.

Consistent with section 50(1)(b) of the *Public Service Act 1999*, I will inform you of the results of that inquiry.

Yours sincerely

Mark Davidson
Acting Merit Protection Commissioner
14 June 2018

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