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Environment and Communications References Committee
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Dear Ms McDonald

Thank you for your letter to the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Dr Martin Parkinson AC PSM, dated 14 August 2018 regarding the Senate Committee Inquiry into the Great Barrier Reef 2050 Partnership Program. Dr Parkinson has asked me to reply on his behalf.

The written Question on Notice to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the Department) requests copies of briefs, submissions or other written advice from the Department to the Prime Minister about the grant to the Great Barrier Reef Foundation before 9 April 2018. All documents relevant to this request were prepared to support Cabinet consideration. Given this, these documents could potentially reveal the deliberations of the Cabinet, which are confidential. It is longstanding practice not to disclose information about the operation and business of the Cabinet.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Secretary

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