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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Department of The Senate
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir

Personal Property Securities Bill 2009

I refer to my evidence given by telephone to the Committee earlier this afternoon.

In response to a question from Senator Barnett about paid work undertaken by me or this firm for the Attorney General's Department in relation to personal property securities reform in the year 2007/2008 I referred to an International Comparison Paper I co-authored with Professor Tony Duggan and Laurie Mayne in July 2006.

In 2006 and 2007 I also undertook paid work for the Department in relation to an early draft of the PPS Bill and in relation to Discussion Paper 2 published by the Department. I believe this was the work Senator Barnett was referring to and not the earlier International Comparison Paper (the cost of which was greater than the amount referred to by Senator Barnett). The attached schedule lists all of the paid consultancy work undertaken by me and Piper Alderman in relation to the personal property securities reforms to date.

I confirm Piper Alderman has not undertaken any paid consultancy work since January 2008 and I am not aware of any further consultancy work being offered or proposed by the Department to me or our firm.

I also confirm that since early 2006 I have spent hundreds of hours participating as a member of the Attorney General's Consultative Committee, providing comments on draft materials and presenting at seminars arranged by the Department. Apart from the matters listed in the attached schedule, all of this work has been undertaken without payment, although the Department has paid for various travel expenses for my attendance at Consultative Committee meetings and seminar presentations.

Yours faithfully

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Schedule

Matter	Open Date	Cost Estimate (excl GST)	Total Billed (incl GST)	Last Time Activity	Last Bill Date
350336 – PPS International Comparison Advice	17/05/06		\$61,061*		24/01/07
353063 – Review of the Law on Personal Property Securities – Discussion Paper 2 Advice	07/12/06	\$10,000	\$2,112	31/10/07	26/11/07
356892 – Personal Property Securities Bill	09/10/07	\$10,000	\$11,000	20/12/07	30/01/08

*\$37,780 retained by Piper Alderman, balance paid to co-authors