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Senator Louise Pratt
Chair
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Chair,

I am writing in response to your letter of 18 September 2018 relating to the Inquiry into *Allegations concerning the inappropriate exercise of ministerial powers, with respect to the visa status of au pairs, and related matters*.

I confirm advice in my letter dated 13 September 2018, that the Department has found no evidence of any additional cases involving a young female from a Western or Southern European country who had been detained at Brisbane airport due to evidence of an intention to work as an 'au pair' and where the Minister intervened under section 195A of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Migration Act) to grant a Visitor visa (subclass 600).

Your letter of 18 September sought a response to your additional questions as soon as practicable, noting the Committee's report was tabled on 19 September 2018. On average Brisbane Airport processes more than 2.9 million arrivals each year, and the Department undertook a reasonable search of the large volume of transactions recorded in core immigration and parliamentary document systems in the period 7 October 2015 to 31 December 2016 as expeditiously as possible.

In the time available, the Department has undertaken a search of core immigration and parliamentary document systems and has found no record in the relevant period that involved a female from a European country, travelling on a tourist visa, was detained at Brisbane International Airport on suspicion that she intended to work in Queensland as an au pair in the period 7 October 2015 to 31 December 2016, including where a ministerial intervention occurred (regardless of the visa class issued) or where an intervention did not occur.

A revised table with supplementary information to Question on Notice IEMP/001 is also attached in response to the Committee's request. The Department responded to the Committee's request to provide relevant statements to Parliament in its email of 18 September 2018.

I trust that this acquits all queries raised by the Committee during the course of the Inquiry.

Yours sincerely

Michael Pezzullo
Secretary
21 September 2018

Supplementary information to Question on Notice IEMP/001

Decision date	Visitor Visa (subclass 600) granted	Visa Length	Number of persons	Location of persons at time of grant	Signed by Minister Dutton	Date tabled HoR	Date tabled Senate
17/06/2015	Yes	3 months	1	QLD	Yes	07/09/2015	07/09/2015
15/09/2015	Yes	3 months	1	NSW	Yes	1/03/2016	2/03/2016
6/10/2015	Yes	8 months	1	VIC	Yes	1/03/2016	2/03/2016
01/11/2015	Yes	3 months	1	SA	Yes	1/03/2016	2/03/2016
24/03/2016	Yes	6 months	1	NSW	Yes	12/09/2016	12/09/2016
17/06/2016	Yes	6 months	1	QLD	Yes	12/09/2016	12/09/2016
23/08/2016	Yes	6 months	1	NSW	Yes	27/02/2017	20/03/2017
07/09/2016	Yes	12 months	1	QLD	Yes	27/02/2017	20/03/2017
07/10/2016	Yes	2 years	1	QLD	Yes	27/02/2017	20/03/2017
07/10/2016	Yes	6 months	1	NSW	Yes	27/02/2017	20/03/2017
8/02/2017	Yes	6 months	1	QLD	Yes	8/08/2017	8/08/2017
11/05/2017	Yes	3 years	3	QLD	Yes	8/08/2017	8/08/2017
10/08/2017	Yes	12 months	5	VIC	Yes	26/03/2018	20/03/2018
21/09/2017	Yes	6 months	1	VIC	Yes	26/03/2018	20/03/2018
21/09/2017	Yes	18 months	4	WA	Yes	26/03/2018	20/03/2018
22/11/2017	Yes	12 months	1	WA	Yes	26/03/2018	20/03/2018
15/02/2018	Yes	2 months	1	VIC	Yes	13/08/2018	13/08/2018
12/04/2018	Yes	18 months	1	NSW	Yes	13/08/2018	13/08/2018
10/05/2018	Yes	18 months	1	QLD	Yes	13/08/2018	13/08/2018
24/05/2018	Yes	12 months	1	WA	Yes	13/08/2018	13/08/2018
24/05/2018	Yes	3 months	2	SA	Yes	13/08/2018	13/08/2018