



Submission No 6

Inquiry into Australia's Overseas Representation

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Dear Mr. Brown,

Thank you very much for your letter dated 18 October, 2011 concerning the inquiry into Australia's overseas representation.

Australia does not have a direct representation in Slovakia and covers Slovakia from Embassy of Australia in Austria, Vienna. Level of our mutual cooperation corresponds to the above-mentioned fact. Slovakia would welcome opening of fully-fledged embassy of Australia in our country which would help to intensify bilateral relations in all areas of common interest.

A practical cooperation between our Ministry of Foreign Affairs and your embassy in Vienna runs smoothly. We really appreciate flexibility and promptness of communication with your embassy. The communication, in majority of cases, is an electronic one, but if there is a necessity there, representatives of your embassy pay personal visits to our Ministry too.

Yours Sincerely,

Eva Ponomarenková
Ambassador

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