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Committee of Privileges

Person referred to in the Senate

Mr Danny Eid

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Report

1.1 On 11 December 2018, the President of the Senate, Senator the Honourable Scott Ryan, received a submission from Mr Danny Eid seeking redress under the resolution of the Senate of 25 February 1988 relating to the protection of persons referred to in the Senate (Privilege Resolution 5).

1.2 The submission referred to a speech made by Senator Burston in the Senate on 5 December 2018. The President accepted the submission and referred it to the Committee of Privileges.

1.3 The committee met on 14 February 2019 and, pursuant to paragraph (3) of Privilege Resolution 5, considered the submission. The committee resolved to recommend that the response be incorporated in *Hansard* without change.

1.4 The committee draws attention to paragraph 5(6) of the resolution which requires that, in considering a submission under this resolution and reporting to the Senate, the committee shall not consider or judge the truth of any statements made in the Senate or in the submission.

1.5 The committee **recommends:**

That a response by Mr Danny Eid in the terms specified in Appendix 1, be incorporated in *Hansard*.

Senator Deborah O'Neill

Chair

Appendix 1

Mr Danny Eid

Pursuant to Resolution 5(7)(b) of the Senate of 25 February 1988

Reply to speech by Senator Brian Burston

(5 December 2018)

My attention has been drawn to the fact that in the Senate on Wednesday, 5 December 2018, Senator Burston made an address, in which, inter alia, he stated that Senator Hanson's One Nation Party had received a gift into a trust fund styled the "One Nation Political Trust" that was "administered by Sydney-based solicitor Danny Eid."

I am concerned at this remark and am concerned that his making it has misled the Senate.

I wish to make it clear that that I do not hold any funds, nor administer any trust account and/or funds for the One Nation Party.

I have requested Senator Burston to withdraw the statement in the Senate.

