

Appendix 1

Miss Lisa Hay

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

Reply to speech by Senator Brian Burston

(6 December 2017)

I wish to bring to your attention a speech by Senator Brian Burston on 6 December 2017, that included false accusations against myself.

I want, as allowed for under Resolution 5(1)(B), to correct the record in order to protect my personal and professional reputation. I also wish to express my disappointment that a senator has used parliamentary privilege to spread false allegations.

All allegations are denied by myself. The reality of my encounters with ‘the major’ is very different to the sensational claims made by Senator Burston.

I am not guilty of the accusations put forward in the Senator’s speech and would have been able to demonstrate my innocence had Mr Burston requested.

Senator Burston’s speech has had the effect of seriously defaming me. It has caused me considerable personal anguish and professional harm.

It has exacerbated my physical and mental health conditions, including a previously diagnosed PTSD, severely limiting my ability to pursue my occupation.

I am a librarian currently pursuing further post-graduate studies. My academic reputation is at risk due to this speech.

The allegations were made under the protection of parliamentary privilege, and later published as a video to Senator Burston’s public Facebook page, where it has been shared 11 times and viewed over 1200 times. It has also been published elsewhere online.

I seek the right of reply and ask that my response be published by the Senate or incorporated in Hansard.

