



## Australian Government

### Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Ms Lyn Beverley  
Secretary  
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Beverley

#### SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING 23 FEBRUARY 2015

I am writing in relation to evidence given at the hearing on 23 February 2015.

At pages 72,73 and74 of the transcript Senator the Hon Penny Wong asked a number of questions in relation to the appointment of Mr Thawley as Secretary to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the report by the then Australian Public Service Commissioner.

I said that I believed that a request from the Prime Minister's Office for a report from the Australian Public Service Commissioner in relation to the appointment of a Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet would have been made to the First Assistant Secretary of the Government Division.

I would now like to clarify that evidence. While a report in respect of the appointment was provided by the former Australian Public Service Commissioner to the Prime Minister in accordance with section 58 of the *Public Service Act 1999*, the report was not requested through the First Assistant Government Division of this Department.

Yours sincerely

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