



Australian Parliamentary Service Commissioner

SENSITIVE—LEGAL & PERSONAL

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Dear Presiding Officers

I refer to your letter of 1 April 2015 in which you requested a report on the next steps in light of my report of 31 March 2015 on this matter. You also requested advice on the letter of [REDACTED]

I sought legal advice and it is enclosed. Paragraph 2 of the advice provides a concise summary of the options available to you. I have drawn on this advice to inform my recommendations.

I advised in my earlier report that there was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I considered that the legislative requirements for terminating [REDACTED] pursuant to s61(1) of the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999* had been satisfied.

It is open to you to [REDACTED]

The attached legal advice identifies that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The legal advice provides [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Overall, choosing the best way to proceed involves fine judgements. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On balance, and to best protect the Commonwealth's interests, I recommend that your reasons [REDACTED] are conveyed to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] is offered an opportunity to respond. I recommend this be effected under the [REDACTED] provisions in s.61(2) of the Act.

In the event you adopt my recommendation, a draft of the letter I propose be sent to [REDACTED] in connection with preparing a report under s.61(2) of the Act is at Attachment A. It contains a concise summary of my understanding of the grounds [REDACTED]. Please confirm in your request to me that this is an accurate representation.

If you decide to proceed to [REDACTED], a draft letter to [REDACTED] at Attachment B.

I advise that there is nothing to preclude you proceeding with either option [REDACTED].

Finally, I am advised that [REDACTED].

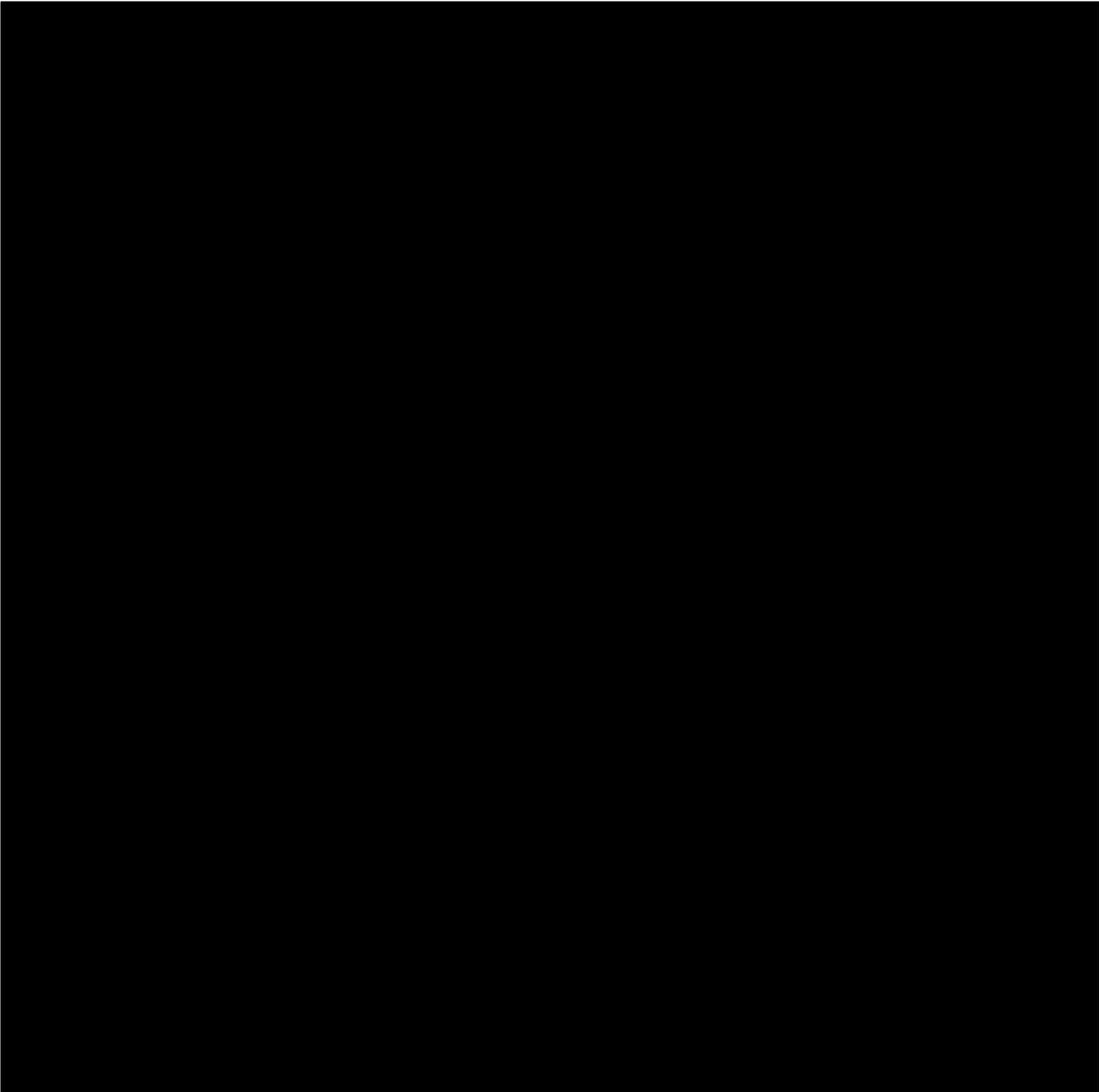
Yours sincerely


John Lloyd PSM
10 April 2015

ATTACHMENT A

PROPOSED LETTER FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMISSIONER

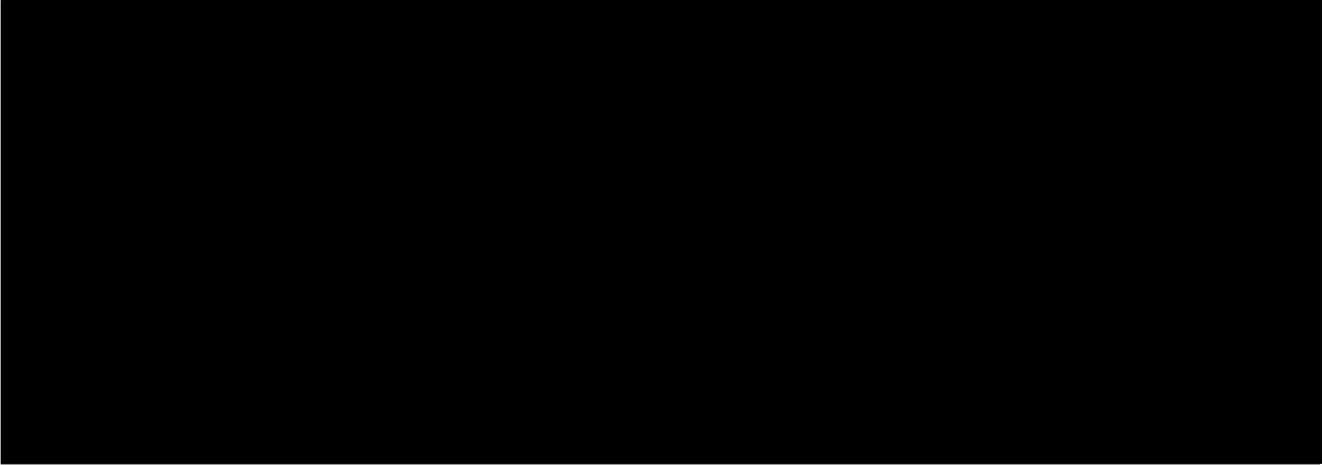
Dear [REDACTED]



Yours sincerely

ATTACHMENT B

Dear [REDACTED]



Yours sincerely