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Mr Stephen Palethorpe
Secretary
Finance and Public Administration Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Palethorpe

**ESTIMATES HEARING – 21 MAY 2007
PEO PROGRAM - PACER**

At the hearing of the committee on 21 May 2007 I undertook (transcript p. 8) to ask the Department of Education, Science and Training for statistics about participants in the PACER program run by that department and their participation in the Parliamentary Education Office program provided in Parliament House.

Attached for the information of the committee is a copy of my letter to the Secretary of the Department of Education, Science and Training and the response which I received today.

With reference to this response, I note that the statistics I provided to the committee on usage of the PEO program indicate that 87,195 students have made use of that program so far this financial year. The Director of the PEO, Mr Chris Reid, has several other observations on the department's letter which will be provided to the committee in due course.

Yours sincerely

(Harry Evans)