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Senator Helen Polley  
Chair  
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
The Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Polley

**ESTIMATES HEARINGS – MEMBERS OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (2)**

Further to the advice provided to you earlier today, I understand that Senator Ludwig has confirmed that the members of the Independent Communications Committee are appointed to the committee on a contractual basis and remunerated on a per diem basis. This suggests to me that there is not an employment relationship between the committee members and the Commonwealth and that the committee members are therefore not "officers" within the meaning of standing order 26(5).

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

(Rosemary Laing)