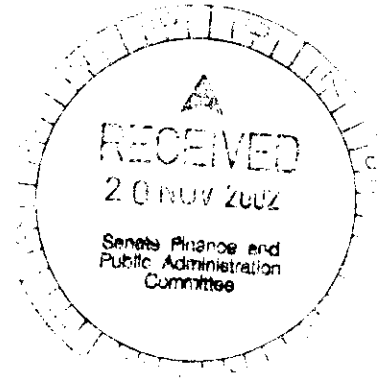




SENATOR THE HON ERIC ABETZ
Special Minister of State
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Senator Brett Mason
Chair
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Mason *Brett,*

I refer to the Senate Estimates hearings in May 2002, in particular to questions from Senator Jan McLucas, Senator for Queensland, regarding the use of charter entitlement by the Hon Warren Entsch MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources on 3 April 2002 in north Queensland.

The Department of Finance and Administration has undertaken enquiries in accordance with the established procedures that are followed when an allegation of misuse of entitlements is received. Following completion of these inquiries, I do not intend to take any further action in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely

ERIC ABETZ