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INTERIM REPORT ON

**THE ADMINISTRATION OF AUSSAR IN RELATION
TO THE SEARCH FOR THE *MARGARET J***

**Report by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and
Transport Legislation Committee**

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1.1 This matter was adopted by the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 25(2)(b) during the course of the 39th Parliament.

1.2 The Committee had not completed its inquiry during the course of the Parliament and reported to the Senate that it had not completed the inquiry and also recommended to the Senate the matter be re-referred to the Committee for inquiry and report during this Parliament.

1.3 The Senate set today for the Committee to report on the reference.

1.4 The Committee reports that it has not been able to complete its inquiry and intends pursuing the inquiry during the second half of 2002.

1.5 The Committee intends that a motion be moved by the Committee Chair, Senator Crane, on the report's tabling for the reporting date on the inquiry to be on or before the last sitting day for 2002.

Senator Winston Crane
Chairman

27 June 2002