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Dear Madam or Sir

**Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment (Office Budget) Regulation 2015
– Amended Explanatory Statement**

I am writing in relation to the Explanatory Statement for the *Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment (Office Budget) Regulation 2015* (the Regulation).

On 12 August 2015, the Senate Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (the Committee) advised that they considered the description of the consultation undertaken in the Explanatory Statement of the Regulation to be insufficient to satisfy the requirements of section 17 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

The Committee requested advice from the minister in order to clarify the consultation that was undertaken and requested an updated Explanatory Statement be provided.

A copy of the amended Explanatory Statement addressing the Committee's concerns is enclosed. I would be grateful if you would arrange tabling.

Yours sincerely

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