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Dear Ms Downes,

I refer to your correspondence, dated 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018, to the Chair and copied to the Committee mailbox, regarding remarks made in the course of the meeting of the Joint Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

This correspondence was considered by the Committee at its meeting today, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

I have been requested to advise you that Senator Gavan has publicly withdrawn his remarks without qualification and wishes to apologise for any distress caused to you.

A copy of this letter will be placed on the Committee's webpage and a transcript of today's public session will also be published in due course. I trust that this is acceptable to you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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