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Dear Ms Downes,

I refer to your correspondence, dated 15th 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 15th November 2018.

This correspondence was considered by the Committee at its meeting today, 20th 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I have been requested to advise you that Senator Gavan has publicly withdrawn his remarks without qualification and wishes to apologise for any distress caused to you.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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