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Senator the Hon. Jenny McAllister
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Dear Senator McAllister *Jenny*

I write further in relation to Senate Orders number 474, 491 and 506.

I previously advised that prior to the release of the documents sought by these orders, further advice needed to be sought from the Office of Special Investigator. The advice sought was whether disclosure of the documents by these orders would, or could reasonably be expected to, prejudice legal proceedings – specifically current and future war crimes prosecutions.

I can now advise that Defence has completed its consultations with the Office of the Special Investigator and I am advised that the Final Report of the Afghanistan Inquiry Implementation Oversight Panel is suitable for release. Accordingly, I enclose for tabling the document sought by the orders.

Yours sincerely

Richard Marles

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