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Dear [REDACTED]

Inquiry into the use of electorate staffing entitlements

We act for Lee Tarlamis and refer to your letter to our client of 3 July 2018.

Our client notes that the Ombudsman's report *Investigation of a matter referred from the Legislative Council on 25 November 2015* makes no specific finding that our client wilfully engaged in inappropriate conduct. Further, our client does not accept that the 58th Parliament has the capacity to inquire into whether a contempt may have occurred during the course of the 57th Parliament.

Our client denies that he has engaged in wrongful conduct in respect of the matter the Committee is inquiring into. In particular our client denies that he has committed a contempt of Parliament, as defined by s 9 of the *Members of Parliament (Register of Interests) Act 1978* (Vic) or otherwise.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact [REDACTED] of our office.

Yours sincerely

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