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Sent: Friday, 22 December 2017 8:54 AM

To: Grillo, Dale (Sen P. Georgiou)

Subject: RE: Request for meeting with Commonwealth Bank / Bankwest to discuss the case of Sean Butler

Dear Mr Georgiou, (*Senator*)

I refer to your correspondence of 19 December 2017 and to your staff member Mr Butler's correspondence to me of 13 December.

Mr Butler's case has been considered closely by senior representatives of the bank. He has received a personal response from the Managing Director of Bankwest (among others) to a range of his queries, including a number of those specified below.

In relation to the five questions that you have identified and which you wish to discuss, I am advised that:

1. We have responded to Mr Butler on this matter as long ago as 17 August 2015 and the bank's position has not changed from that time.
2. A meeting with Mr Butler and relevant bank officers occurred on 7 November 2012. Mr Butler was legally represented at the meeting which was overseen by a senior member of the independent bar, who is now a Justice of the Supreme Court of Western Australia.
3. The bank has provided Mr Butler with relevant information, including bank statements and fees.
4. We do not believe that any CBA or Bankwest representative who gave evidence at the Inquiry into the Post-GFC banking sector provided evidence that was false or misleading.
5. We reject completely that CBA has destroyed documents to avoid discovery by the Royal Commission.

See Bankwest demands on next document

Notwithstanding concessions that have been offered to Mr Butler to try to resolve his case, Mr Butler has sought to use his position in a Senator's office to put pressure on the bank for special treatment. I also note that his emails to me have become increasingly threatening and harassing in nature.

I am concerned that I am receiving emails from a Senator on behalf of his staff member and query whether it is appropriate to use public office to advance these private matters. Given these concerns it would clearly be inappropriate for me to meet with you.

Regards,
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Bankwest prevented discussions of issues raised