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Robert Oakeshott MP  
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Tony Windsor MP  
Parliament House  
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Dear Bob, Robert, and Tony

Thank you for your letter of 25 August 2010. I welcome your request for information and I am prepared to do all I can to provide the information you seek.

I would like to address each of your seven requests in turn.

- (1) I have sought advice from the Secretary of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Mr Terry Moran, as to how to accommodate your request for information from Dr Ken Henry (Treasury) and Mr David Tune (Finance) on the economy and the costings and impacts of Government and Opposition election promises and policies on the budget. As soon as I receive this advice, I will provide it to you and to the Leader of the Opposition. It seems likely this will require a change to the usual caretaker conventions and guidelines. I have not yet received the advice on the details of the changes required. However, I am predisposed to assist with your request. I would also be obliged to consult the Leader of the Opposition on the matter.
- (2) I would be very happy to arrange for briefings from the Secretaries of the Departments you have requested. However, given the importance of maintaining the caretaker conventions, I would like to clarify aspects of your request.

In particular, will you be seeking information that would go beyond that which would be normally provided under the caretaker conventions as for your first request?

Further, with respect to your keen interest in Broadband, would you like a

briefing with the Chief Executive Officer and Director of NBNC Co Mr Mike Quigley? He would be best placed to provide you with the technical information on aspects of the NBN including the roll-out and other information you may be seeking.

Please note, I have conveyed your request to the Secretary of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Mr Terry Moran, who will facilitate these briefings with Dr Ken Henry and Mr David Tune and other Secretaries and attend the meetings.

- (3) Ministers will be available to speak with you in all of the portfolio areas you have outlined.
- (4) I will provide you next Monday with the Government's proposals for parliamentary reform addressing each of the issues you have identified.
- (5) I am fully committed to instituting reforms that maximise the opportunity for understanding and consensus across all parties and members of parliament. In the reforms that will be outlined in response to your item (4) we will demonstrate this commitment and show a practical way forward on these issues.
- (6) My conversations with you have all been in good faith and in the national interest. Good faith and acting in the national interest will continue to be my approach. I understand your strong commitment to these principles and I share it.

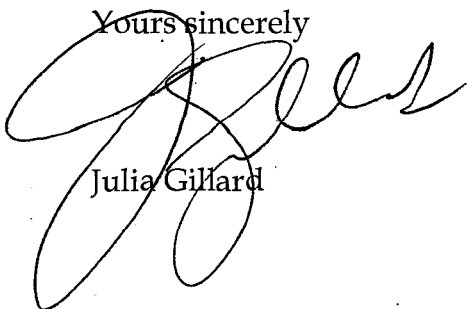
I am fully committed to serving a full three year term. In fact, I am prepared to work with you to nominate a date for the next election in three years, which would be in the period August through October 2013.

I will obtain advice on a suitable date in this period, one that would suit most Australians and not conflict with events of national interest. I would be happy to discuss options for setting a date for the next election with you as soon as I have received this information.

- (7) I will provide you next Monday with a proposal for a timetable and reform plan for political donations, electoral funding and truth in advertising.

I would be happy to discuss any aspect of your request for information and look forward to working with you over the coming days.

Yours sincerely



Julia Gillard