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State Member for Kilsyth

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Dear Mr Mericka,

On behalf of David Hodgett, I am writing in response to your letter dated 30 September 2013 relating to correspondence handed to this office in April 2013.

I apologise for not responding via correspondence in April, having spoken to you on the phone at the time I incorrectly assumed that that served as an acknowledgement and response.

I have followed up with the Premiers office and the Attorney General's office regarding formal responses to your correspondence dated 19/2/13. The Attorney General's office advised that as they were copied in on the correspondence, and not specifically asked to take action; the letter was noted on their records and filed accordingly. If you would like a formal response from them, I have been advised that you can write to them referencing the original correspondence and request a formal response.

At this point in time, I have been advised that the Premiers office is still reviewing their records regarding a response. If I receive any further information relating to this, I will forward this to you.

In reference to David Hodgett forwarding your complaint to IBAC, I recall advising you in April that as IBAC is independent of the Government, David is not in a position as a Member of Parliament, to advocate on your behalf. This is something you will need to do on your own. I'm sorry if this is not the response you were seeking.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Gallagher'.

Emma Gallagher
Electorate Officer for
David Hodgett MP
Member for Kilsyth
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