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Dear Paul

The purpose of this email is to alert you to the disclosure in part the APSC has made. The attached document has been released under the FOI Act.

The document analyses the conduct of the APSC (in 2020) in relation to an Ombudsman investigation (in 2021/2022) of a complaint about the APSC's handling of a disclosure under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013* (PID Act) concerning recruitment practices of the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) in 2016-2018.

- The report offers feedback on the APSC's approach to the PID investigation, undertaken in 2020.
- Because of the sensitivity of the content of the investigation (recruitment) the confidentiality around PID investigations and PID informants, as well as Ombudsman investigations, there was limited content that it was in the public interest to release.
- The limited material that has been released is released on the basis that it contains feedback from the Ombudsman that the Commission should take steps to improve its handling of similar matters in future.

If you have any questions please get in touch. I'm on leave after today until Monday 29 July, and Sue Mahony is the best contact in my absence.

Kind regards
Melanie.

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