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Dear Ms Halliday

Review of the Privacy Act

Thank you for your submission received 14th December 2007.

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Thank you again for your interest in the Inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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