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Ref. Mr. Campbell
A3. 8210 A.280/89
RWC:LW

27 September 1989

The Director-General,
Department of Family Services,
G.P.O. Box 806,
BRISBANE, Q. 4001.

*David
for necessary action
Sue C
15/10/89*

Dear Sir,

Re: Merit statements prepared for the purposes of the
selection process - Regulation 46 of the Public
Service Management and Employment Regulations 1988
Your Reference: Mr. Herbert

I refer to your letter dated 29 August, 1989, concerning
merit statements written in relation to the selection of
persons to fill vacancies in Departmental positions.

You requested legal opinion as to whether the Department's
practice of storage and destruction of merit statements
might be contrary to the terms of Regulation 46 of the
Public Service Management and Employment Regulations.

You are advised, in view of what appears to be a uniform
policy to maintain merit statements separately from "any
official files or records" and to destroy the said
statements at the expiration of a fixed period, that the
Departmental practice would seem not to offend against
Regulation 46. Please note, that this opinion assumes that
all merit statements are dealt with and destroyed according
to the specified manner and will not, in any circumstances,
become part of the "official files or records" relating to
an officer. Further, no extracts from or references to the
merit statements should be placed in the official files or
records of the Department.

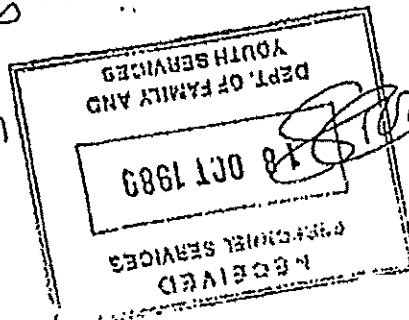
*No change to
existing practices
re: merit
statements*

Yours faithfully,

K. M. O'Shea

(K. M. O'Shea)
Acting Solicitor General.

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Date: 3.12.2012

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