



Senator Jacqui Lambie Senator for Tasmania

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The Hon. Malcolm Turnbull
Prime Minister
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Prime Minister Turnbull,

RE: Census form exceptions

I write to you today to discuss the new changes to the Census laws and the subsequent concerns that were raised by the public leading up to Census night.

I am always prepared to follow the law of Australia and any lawful order by officers of the Crown.

As such, before I fill in and submit my 2016 Census form, I would like to have in writing from the Attorney-General or yourself, a guarantee the requirement to submit the Census form inclusive of my name and address, and the Australian Bureau of Statistic's intention to keep that information - is in accordance with the Australian Constitution and Law.

Furthermore, considering I have yet to receive a response from you after our meeting last week, Prime Minister, I would like the following questions answered by the close of business, Wednesday, 10 August 2016:

- Are there exceptions to the laws governing the Census?
- Who do these exceptions apply to?
- Do people who have Protected Identity Status qualify for an exception?
- Are public servants and politicians who are the subject of credible, but unresolved death threats, considered exempt from the laws governing the Census?

I note that people who are worried about their personal security and safety are able to become a silent voter (i.e kept off the electoral roll) and obtain a silent phone number where their name does not appear in the phone book.

I also note that RSL advocates have formally asked similar questions in a submission regarding former employees of State and Federal Governments who have Protected Identity Status - and to my knowledge they have not received proper answers yet.



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This is a very sad state of affairs and continues the sustained federal government and bureaucratic abuse of our Veterans and their families.

I will fill in my Census forms in accordance with the Law and our Constitution.

However, in order to carry out my lawful requirement I need your urgent written clarification and advice, regarding my special circumstances - because as of today, no Government official has been able to answer my questions.

I look forward to your favourable response.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Lambie'.

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Cc The Hon Senator George Brandis, Attorney-General