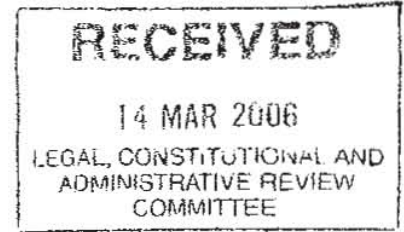
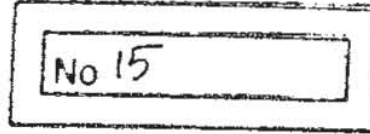




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Dear Dr Clark

Thank you for your letter of 1 December 2005 inviting a submission regarding your Committee's Discussion Paper on the Accessibility of Administrative Justice.

QAO receives a low volume of Freedom of Information (FOI) applications and has not had any significant involvement in judicial reviews. Consequently the issues raised in respect of FOI fees and charges and the cost of proceedings under the Judicial Review Act have not had any significant impact on QAO or to most of our applicants.

In relation to the issue of access to administrative justice, I would mention that I receive correspondence from the general public and other community organisations expressing their concerns or drawing my attention to matters they perceive require investigation about government agencies and their activities. Those issues within my mandate are investigated and would be reported on if considered warranted.

Yours sincerely

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