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Dear Mr Windsor

Thank you for your representations of 14 December 2005 on behalf of Ms Anne McGregor of the Southern Cross Group concerning the *Australian Citizenship Bill 2005* and the issue of citizenship for children of Australian-born Maltese.

Ms McGregor has written to me and my department on this issue on a number of occasions, and I expect that it will be raised and discussed in the context of Parliamentary consideration of the *Australian Citizenship Bill 2005*, introduced on 9 November 2005.

In comment on this matter in the past I have noted that unlike many people who lost their Australian citizenship when they acquired another citizenship, people who renounced their Australian citizenship knew that they had ceased to be citizens. They could have had no reasonable expectation of access to Australian citizenship for children born after their renunciation.

I appreciate you bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Cobb', written over a large, stylized loop.

John Cobb