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The Hon Bernie Ripoll MP
Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Parliamentary Secretary

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I am writing to update you on the future directions of my public consultation to explore the scope for reforming Australian contract law.

As you may recall, the consultation opened on 22 March 2012 with the release of a discussion paper *Improving Australia's law and justice framework: a discussion paper to explore the scope for reforming Australian contract law*. I am pleased to report that the paper has received a positive reaction in the media and online, and from state and territory justice ministers.

As part of the consultation, I now propose to release a set of 12 infolets (information leaflets) which invite stakeholder input on a variety of issues related to contract law such as small business, consumer law, harmonisation, codification, interpretation and internationalisation.

At the same time, I also intend to release an online survey for users of contract law. The survey will provide stakeholders with an additional opportunity to share their experiences with contract law and their preferred direction for reform.

I enclose copies of the infolets and the online survey for your information. When released, the infolets and links to the survey will be on my Department's website at www.ag.gov.au.

The contact officer in my department is
Business Law Branch, who may be contacted on (02)

A/g Assistant Secretary,

Yours in friendship

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Encl 1) 12 infolets on contract law issues
2) Contract law online survey