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Legislation Review Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Committee Members

Question on Notice 21 May 2018

I appeared as a witness before the Committee on Monday 21 May 2018 as part of its inquiry into the *Operation of the Legislation Review Act 1987*. This appearance was on behalf of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre in relation to our submission to this inquiry.

During giving evidence, I took the following question on notice:

Mr David Shoebridge: Are there any international covenants on the rights of business?

Mr Lawrie: Not that I am aware of, but I can take that question on notice.

The United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights states that there are nine core international human rights instruments, and a total of 18 key human rights instruments including optional protocols.¹ These instruments are listed on the following page.

None of the 18 key human rights instruments, including optional protocols, are primarily concerned with the 'rights of business'.

Yours sincerely



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¹ United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, *The Core International Human Rights Instruments and their monitoring bodies*, OHCHR, <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CoreInstruments.aspx> accessed 12 June 2018.

The Core International Human Rights Instruments and their monitoring bodies
(as nominated by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD)

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)

Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICMW)

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (CPED)

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR – OP)

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR – OP1)

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (ICCPR – OP2)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (OP – CEDAW)

Optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (OP-CRC-AC)

Optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (OP-CRC-SC)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (OP-CRC-IC)

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OP – CAT)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (OP – CRPD)