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Hon. Shane Stone QC AC, GPO Box 559, Darwin NT 0820

Dear Share, Shane,

Even though you had foreshadowed something, I was absolutely delighted to get the paper on Monday morning and actually read the great news.

I have always held you career accomplishments and equally, your personal values and integrity in the highest esteem. So it is nothing but the greatest pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations on this most worthy and well deserved recognition of your contribution to our country.

As one who is acutely aware of those who have supported and made my life's journey so rewarding, please let Josephine know that we equally acknowledge her contribution in making this award possible.

Warmest regards,

Martin and Fran