



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Industry, Science,  
Energy and Resources**

Senator Slade Brockman  
Chair  
Senate Economics Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Brockman

On reviewing the Proof Hansard of the testimony given by the department at the Senate Estimates hearing on 28 October 2020, we find that some of the information provided to the Committee would benefit from clarification and correction.

The following exchange occurred between Senator Bragg and Mr David Luchetti, Acting Head of Division for the Science and Commercialisation Policy Division:

**Senator BRAGG:** Can you give me a quick overview of the women in STEM program from the budget. Sorry to jump around. It's quite an exciting announcement. I just want to get an overview of how this scheme will work and how you'll measure its success.

**Mr Luchetti:** Senator, you just asked for an overview—

**Senator BRAGG:** Yes, if that's okay, please.

**Mr Luchetti:** So, in regard to the budget, in regard to this portfolio, the Women in STEM and enterprise program was expanded, with an additional \$10 million provided. The Women in STEM Ambassador was extended for a further two years. She'd previously been appointed in 2018. That appointment will continue now to 2022.

The department would like correct the name of the *Women in STEM and Entrepreneurship* grants program, mistakenly identified as the Women in STEM and enterprise program. Additionally, we wish to clarify that the Women in STEM Ambassador initiative was extended in the recent Budget for two additional years, through to 2023-2024. The current Ambassador, Professor Lisa Harvey-Smith, has been reappointed through to November 2022.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused and ask that you alert other members of the Committee to this correction.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Head of Division  
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