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Senator Glen Sterle  
Chair  
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

4/04/2024

Dear Senator Sterle

I refer to the appearance of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts for Corporate Matters before the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee at the Budget Supplementary Estimates 2023-24 Hearing on Monday 12 February 2024.

During the hearing, I responded to a question from Senator McKenzie regarding the number of graduates who had stayed in the department after concluding the 2023 program (refer to page 11 of the hansard). I advised that of the 36 individuals who had graduated, 36 had stayed within the department. I would like to confirm that those figures were as at 31 December 2023.

Additionally, during the hearing I responded to a question from Senator Canavan regarding the number of home-based work arrangements in the department (refer to page 19 of the hansard). I advised that 50 per cent of staff have a work from home arrangement. This figure should have been 56 per cent as at 31 December 2023.

I would appreciate it if you could please note this for the information of the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Houghton'.

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