



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

Senator the Hon David Fawcett  
Chair  
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Fawcett

On reviewing the Proof Hansard of the testimony given by the department at the Senate Estimates hearing on 25 May 2021, we find that some of the information provided to the Committee would benefit from clarification and correction.

The following exchange occurred between Senator Green and Darren Miller, Chief Executive Officer, page 98 of the Environment Hansard Transcript:

**Mr Miller:** We started thinking about what we would do with those measures right away. We paid immediate attention to the Future Fuels Fund because it had funding attached to the financial year that we were in—the 2020 financial year—and there was an expectation that we would roll that program out quite quickly and expend a certain amount of funds on that program in that financial year. That was our priority. That fund was around electric vehicles, hydrogen recharging opportunities and bioenergy. Given the state of the market and our experience in the electric vehicle space, we felt it would be easiest and best to start with further electric vehicle charging stations, and we commenced engaging with the industry and considering guidelines and whatnot straightaway.

**Senator GREEN:** The minister's explanation statement on the regulation says that a memorandum of understanding would be developed between ARENA and the department in relation to the delivery of the programs. What's the status of that MOU?

In Mr Miller's recorded transcript: 2020 FY should be read as 2020/21 financial year.

In Senator Green's recorded transcript: The work explanation should read as explanatory.

**Yours sincerely**

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