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**Department of Infrastructure,
Transport, Regional Development,
Communications and the Arts**

Senator Karen Grogan
Chair
Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

I refer to the appearance of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts before the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee at the Budget Supplementary Estimates Hearing on Tuesday 24 October 2023.

In answering questions on the expenditure of welcome to country ceremonies and like activities, I made the following statement:

Welcome to country includes arts events. It was \$26,551.95 for 2022-23 and for this financial year to 31 October. Within that figure of \$26,500, just under \$10,000 was arts related events at relevant institutions.

I write to make the following correction to the answer:

Welcome to country includes arts events. It was \$26,551.95 for 2022-23 and for this financial year to 31 October. Within that figure of \$27,051.95 approximately \$10,000 was arts related events at relevant institutions.

Yours sincerely

Jim Betts

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