



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

Senator Jess Walsh
Chair
Senate Economics Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Walsh

On reviewing the Proof Hansard of the testimony given by the department at the Senate Estimates hearing on 10 November 2022, we find that some of the information provided to the Committee would benefit from clarification and correction.

The following exchange occurred between Senator Rennick and Dr Foley, Chief Scientist:

Senator RENNICK: ... Why do scientists get to say what science is when mathematicians, which most science is underpinned by, can't have a say back?

Dr Foley: ... we have a central approach to engaging with publishers so that all research literature will be open access to people residing in Australia...

Dr Foley's response should read: "... we have a central approach to engaging with publishers so that all research literature will be accessible at no cost to users for people residing in Australia."

By way of explanation, the model Dr Foley refers to is for all people in Australia to be able to access all research literature at no direct cost to them. This is different to having research open access to those living in Australia because 'open access' includes the right to redistribute research, and would therefore allow that research to be distributed internationally to be free-to-read for everyone internationally.

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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