

Senator Paul Scarr Chair Senate Economics Legislation Committee Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Scarr,

On reviewing the Proof Hansard of the testimony given by the department at the Senate Estimates hearing on 28 October 2021, we find that some of the information provided to the Committee would benefit from clarification and correction.

The following exchange occurred between Senator Patrick and Ms Victoria Bergmann, General Manager of Northern Endeavour Taskforce:

Senator PATRICK: Moving away from the proceedings, what are the total costs to date of the task force since the Commonwealth took responsibility? You may not want to agree with that word, but you know what I am saying.

Ms Bergmann: Since we took possession FPSO?

Senator PATRICK: Yes, possession.

Ms Bergmann: Our administrative expenditure to date is \$148.572 million.

The date and reference to "administrative" expenditure data are incorrect. The line from page 124 of Hansard should be corrected to read "As at 31 August 2021, our administered expenditure was \$148.572 million."

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

Yours sincerely

Ms Victoria Bergmann General Manager Northern Endeavour Taskforce Liquid Fuels and Northern Endeavour Division

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