



**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 26 October 2023, we find that some of the information provided to the Committee would benefit from clarification and correction.

The following exchange occurred between myself and Senator Bragg:

**Senator BRAGG:** What's happened to aid Earth observation in the past 18 months?

**Mr Palermo:** We've continued to strengthen relationships with partners to secure access. In the last 18 months we've maintained access to satellites such as Sentinel I through CSIRO. Our partners at Geoscience Australia continue to evolve the dataset, and programs like Digital Earth Australia. There are many facets to the treatment and processing of Earth observation data today.

Unfortunately, I quoted the wrong satellite. *Sentinel I* should be replaced with *NOVASAR-1*.

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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Head of the Australian Space Agency

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