



Australian Government

Inspector-General of Biosecurity

Senator Susan McDonald
Chair
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator McDonald

On 23 March 2021 I appeared as a witness before the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee Estimates hearing.

During the hearing Senator McDonald said in relation to an opening statement

"I'm sorry, I didn't ask you if you had an opening statement."

In response I said

"That's okay, I'm fine. I was appointed in July 2019 for a three-year term, as the independent Inspector-General for Biosecurity. I'm the fourth in this role—there were two formerly under the Biosecurity Act 2015."

I wish to correct this answer.

"That's okay, I'm fine. I was appointed in July 2019 for a three-year term, as the independent Inspector-General for Biosecurity. I'm the fourth in this role—there was one formerly under the Biosecurity Act 2015."

The remainder of my answer to the question, given at the hearing, is correct.

I apologise for the error in my answer and trust this further information will be of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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