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Dear Senator O'Sullivan

Budget Estimates hearing held 4 April 2019

Having reviewed the proof Hansard of the Budget Estimates hearing conducted by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on Thursday 4 April 2019, I wish to make the following corrections:

The first correction relates to a question by Senator McCarthy which can be found on page 8 of the proof Hansard.

Senator McCARTHY: And when was AEMIS first introduced?

Mr Rizzo: I think we commissioned the research last year, as research. I think it's the second time we've done research like this—

In relation to the Senator's question on page 8 of Hansard, it has been drawn to my attention that I should clarify that my statement that "I think it is the second time we've done research like this -" is incorrect and that the underlined should be deleted.

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Senator McCARTHY: If it's a fifty-fifty split, how much is the government paying—you haven't given us the actual total—

Mr Rizzo: I don't have the details at my fingertips. We'd have to check, but I think it was in the order of \$200,000 or \$300,000.

In relation to the Senator's question on page 9 of Hansard, I would like to make a correction to my statement. The correct number is \$335,040.

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Senator McCARTHY: You said it adds \$121 billion to the Australian economy. How much of that would be domestic?

Mr Rizzo: About 25 per cent.

Senator McCARTHY: Thank you.

In relation to the Senator's question on page 15 about domestic value, it has been drawn to my attention that I should clarify that the \$21 billion (\$121 billion is a typographical error) includes the value add onshore and flow on effects to the Australian economy therefore 100 percent of the \$21 billion is added to the domestic economy. Can the underlined please be amended accordingly.

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Senator BROCKMAN: I'm interested in going there. Before I get there, though, what percentage of your levies would come from WA?

Mr Rizzo: From Western Australia, it's not a huge proportion of cattle killed. It's a smaller cattle kill market, a larger—proportionally—sheep site. I suspect—and this is just a guesstimate—that WA would probably contribute maybe 15 per cent of the levies. Queensland, the big state, has the major population of cattle. Southern—New South Wales through to Victoria—would be number 2, as far as that concentrated area.

With reference to Senator Brockman's question on page 16, I would like to make a correction to my statement. The correct number for WA levy income share is approximately 7 percent.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the transcript of the Budget Estimates hearing held on Thursday 4 April 2019 and to provide clarification of my responses.

Yours sincerely

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