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**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
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Senator Susan McDonald
Chair
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Dear Chair

In estimates proceedings before the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on 19 October 2020, I stated that I had amended the Department's Accountable Authority Instructions (AAIs) to put in place two new protocols.

To clarify, my evidence should have been that I had signed off on amending the Department's AAIs. While I had, before 19 October, approved the changes to the AAIs implementing the new protocols, the process to amend the AAIs had not been finalised on this date. This process has now been completed.

Yours sincerely

Simon Atkinson
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