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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 26 May 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 the Commonwealth Biosecurity 2030 roadmap

“Thank you very much. I assume that the Commonwealth Biosecurity 2030 road map is something that you have had input into as well?”

In response I said

“Well, my role is to review as an independent statutory officer, so I'm not an advisor, not a member of the department; I'm an advisor to the department.”

I wish to correct this answer.

“Well, my role is to review as an independent statutory officer, so I'm not an advisor, not a member of the department; I'm an advisor to the Parliament.”

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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