



Senator Glenn Sterle
Chair
Senate Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Sterle

On 24 May 2023 I appeared as a witness before the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee Estimates hearing.

During the hearing Senator Duniam said in relation to Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry owned and leased residential and commercial properties, as per page 70 of the Hansard.

Senator DUNIAM: Does this department or any of its agencies own and manage directly properties of that nature? This one's owned and in a sense—

Senator DUNIAM: You don't own any?

Ms Blackwell: We do.

Senator DUNIAM: Run me through what they are.

Ms Blackwell: A small number. We have 75 properties.

Senator DUNIAM: That's not a small number.

Ms Blackwell: Not owned—in total. We have 75 properties across the country. Of those, we own 10 residential properties.

Senator DUNIAM: And no commercial?

Ms Blackwell: I think that's correct. Yes, just the 10 residential.

I wish to correct this answer.

The portfolio numbers as at 31 March 2023 are:

- Residential Properties: 19, (owned 10, leased 9)
- Commercial Properties: 75 (owned building on owned land 3, owned buildings on leased land 4, leased building 68)
- Total Portfolio (Residential & Commercial Properties): 94

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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