



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

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Dear Senator Sterle

I refer to the appearance of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry before the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee at the 2022–23 Supplementary budget estimates hearings on Tuesday 14 February 2023.

In answering questions relating to the deployment of independent observers from September 2022 onwards, I provided data relating to deployments from 1 May up to December 2022.

For the clarification of the Committee, the data provided was correct, including the breakdown of information relating to the reason for non-deployment for the period relating to **1 May to 31 December 2022**.

I would appreciate it if you please note this for the information of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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