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Department of Finance

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary

Correction of evidence

I am writing to correct my response to a question asked during the Public Hearing of the Senate Environment and Communications References Committee Inquiry into Australian Antarctic Division Funding on Tuesday, 19 March 2024.

Senator Duniam asked, “Were any of staff involved in either of those projects based in Tasmania for any duration of longer than, say, a trip down for a week or so?” I responded “No” and in response to a follow-up question from Senator Duniam “How much of the work was actually undertaken in Tasmania, do you know?” I responded “Very limited. There might have been a trip or two, but that would have been the extent of it. It was generally here with the relevant people in the Antarctic Division.”

Following subsequent further checking of our records, I would like to correct this evidence to note that one Department of Finance staff member was seconded to the Australian Antarctic Division for six months from July 2017 and worked in Tasmania for the duration of the secondment.

Yours sincerely



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