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Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Rural Affairs and Transport
Department of the Senate
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Dear Committee Secretary

Having reviewed the transcript of the evidence for the Inquiry into Biosecurity and Quarantine Arrangements hearing in Canberra on 8 July 2011, I would like to make the following correction.

I would like to clarify my response to a question by Senator Heffernan which can be found on page 30 of the Hansard where I stated that we do not have preclearance inspections in place for the export of Australian grapes to New Zealand. There is no mandatory preclearance requirement, however, exporters can (and do) elect to have New Zealand inspectors conduct preclearance inspections of grapes in Australia to facilitate faster border clearance in New Zealand.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide clarification on the above point.

Yours sincerely

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