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Senate Finance and Public Administration Committees
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Dear Ms Beverley

Inquiry into the performance of the Department of Parliamentary Services

I wish to correct/clarify some aspects of evidence I gave at the Committee's hearing held on 17 November 2014.

In response to questions from Senator Faulkner, I made an observation about how the Library's physical environment had changed over time. In doing so, I misspoke, referring to 'original tender briefs' rather than the 'original design briefs', that is the 1979 competition brief (Hansard proof page 26).

I then went on to state that:

'when I saw the exhibition and I saw the photos of the library...' (Hansard proof, page 26).

A check of my records indicates that the photos I had seen were exhibition proofs, not the final prints.

In response to Senator Lundy's question as to whether I had documentation relating to my rationale for purchasing the two Library photographs, I indicated that the only documentation were the emails I had referred to previously (Hansard proof, page 29). However, I had misunderstood Senator Lundy's question and thought she was referring to how they related to the research project I had been describing. I had in fact made a file note setting out my considerations in making the purchase. This was included in the documentation provided to the Committee in response to question on notice number 16.

Finally, in setting out for the Committee the context in which I made my decision to purchase the two photos, I discussed a project I am undertaking relating to the evolution of library and research services for the Parliament. For the avoidance of doubt, I would note that this is not a private project but one of three Parliamentary Library publications on which I am working as time permits. It is in the early research stage.

I would be grateful if you could draw these matters to the attention of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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