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Dear Mr Palethorpe,

In reviewing the proof of the Hansard of the Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee (the Committee) hearing into the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2010 held on Friday 16 April 2010, it has come to the Department's attention that an error of fact was unintentionally made by departmental officials in answer to the Committee members' questions.

On pages 59 and 69 of the Hansard transcript it was suggested that all self-help television retransmission licensees had been contacted in writing about whether their facilities were included on the lists that were subsequently published on the Australian Government's Digital Ready website (http://www.digitalready.gov.au/media/DTV_services_for_self_help_retransmission_sites.pdf).

Those lists indicate self-help sites that are on the broadcasters' candidate list for conversion to digital (List 1), and self-help sites that in the broadcasters' view will not need to be converted because digital services will be provided to the area from existing or planned sites near-by in the area (List 2).

This answer failed to note that a small number of self-help retransmission licensees who transmit SBS from a site where all other services are provided by the broadcasters are yet to receive a letter. The Government is currently considering the conversion options for these sites and will be writing to the licensees of SBS self-help services in the near future.

A list of the affected licensees is provided below, as Attachment A, for the Committee's information.

In seeking to correct the record, the Department apologises for any inconvenience and provides the information attached.

Yours sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT A

Licencees of sites that only transmit the SBS

Brewarrina Shire Council
Cook Shire Council
District Council of Coober Pedy
Flinders Ranges Council
Flinders Shire Council
Lightning Ridge Bowling Club
Paroo Shire Council
Rio Tinto Aluminium Limited
Robe River Iron Associates
Shire of Ashburton
Shire of Bridgetown and Greenbushes
Shire of Carnamah
Shire of Coolgardie
Shire of Derby/West Kimberley
Shire of Dundas
Shire of Halls Creek
Shire of Kojonup
Shire of Manjimup
Shire of Meekatharra
Shire of Merredin
Shire of Morawa
Shire of Mount Magnet
Shire of Mullewa
Shire of Narembeen
Shire of Roebourne
Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley
Shire of Yilgarn
Snowy Hydro Limited
Torres Shire Council
Upper Kiewa Valley Translator Committee Inc
West Arnhem Shire Council
Winton Shire Council