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Dear Secretary

On 10 October 2016, I took a question on notice from Senator McDonald at the hearing into the amendment of the GATT Schedule of Concessions. The question related to skim milk exports (page 15 of the Hansard transcript).

Answer: ABARES commodity statistics show that in the 2008-09 financial year (FY) there was a 25 per cent decrease in the volume of skim milk powder (SMP) exported from Australia (compared to the 2007-08 FY). Australian SMP exports rebounded strongly in 2009-10 FY (32 per cent increase).

Yours sincerely

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