

**SENATE RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT
REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**Inquiry into the future of beekeeping and pollination service industries in
Australia**

Public Hearing Tuesday, 15 April 2014

Murray Bridge

I wish to make a correction to The Hansard Record of Murray Bridge page 12 paragraph 6 as follows:

Another issue was in Darwin. An Apis Cerana swarm was located underneath a hot water service in Darwin and subsequently exterminated. For four days we worked to prove it an isolated incursion using the tracking system which proved difficult. Following an experience that I had at Bamaga when we were training the locals, I questioned if we should be working at night on the full moon. That seemed ridiculous to these fellows because bees do not work at night. After discussion with them we started work after 3.00am on the full moon and Apis Mellifera were found foraging on a particular plant and by nightfall we had located the Mellifera colony. No further Apis Cerana were located.

End of alteration.

My concern is the suggestion was implied that we found further Cerana. This was not the case as it was a single colony incursion but we had to prove that the situation had been successfully eliminated.

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