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Ms Lyn Beverley
Committee Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee
Senate Select Committee into the Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures

Dear Ms Beverley

On reviewing the proof transcript of evidence I gave to the Committee at the public hearing into the Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures in Canberra on Thursday, 7 April 2016 I have determined that two pieces of information I provided require corrections to make them complete and accurate.

Senator Carr asked if the innovation statement of 7 December and the announcement of additional funding for CSIRO fundamentally changed the outcomes of the deep dive process. (page 16 of the proof transcript).

Senator KIM CARR: Yes. Did the details of the innovation statement of 7 December and the announcement of additional funding for CSIRO fundamentally change the outcomes of the deep dives at all?

Mr Roy: It did provide some additional support in some areas, so for the work we do on the ON program it provided additional support. For the work that we do in Data61, it provided additional support for quite specific projects in relation to Data61.

Senator CARR: So it affected those Divisions. It would not have affected Land and Water though, would it?

Ms Bennett: There is no specific funding for anything other than the fund.

The correct response is:

Ms Bennett: There is no further funding for anything other than the fund.

In questioning relating to advice to the CSIRO Board, (pages 29 and 30 of the proof transcript).

The correct response is:

Ms Bennett: ... The chairman of the board was advised in a telephone call before Christmas and updated in another telephone call between Dr Marshall and the chairman in January, and the board were formally advised.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify these two pieces of evidence.

Yours sincerely

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