



Australian Government

Department of Families, Housing,
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Senator Claire Moore
Chair
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

**Clarification of information provided to Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing
- 18 October 2012**

I am writing to clarify an answer provided to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs in relation to Outcome 2 on 18 October 2012.

In response to a question from Senator Payne regarding the funding of the Housing Affordability Fund (HAF), I advised the Committee that Senator Payne's proposition was correct, that is, funding for HAF was originally \$500 million and reduced to \$400 million following the Queensland floods.

A more precise response would have been:

'That is partially correct. \$100 million was contributed to the Australian Government's flood recovery effort from program 2.2 Affordable Housing which includes Housing Affordability Fund and Building Better Regional Cities.'

Please accept that there was no intention on the part of the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to mislead the committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sean Innis'.

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