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Senator the Hon. Barry O'Sullivan
Chair
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs
and Transport Legislation Committee
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Dear Senator O'Sullivan

Having reviewed the proof Hansard of the Budget Estimates hearing conducted by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee on Thursday 25 May 2017, I wish to make the following correction.

The correction relates to my response to a question from Senator Sterle about the Rural Research and Development for Profit programme. The relevant dialogue is on page 49 of the proof Hansard:

Senator STERLE: If it is an exhaustive list you can give it to us on notice or if you want to brag about it fire away.

Ms Musgrave: I might give you the generic thing and give you the exhaustive list later. There are 12 projects under round 1, 17 projects under round 2 and six projects funded under round 3. R&D corporations—the rural research and development corporations—are the only eligible applicants under this program, but the requirements under the guidelines mean that they have to be collaborating with others. So, other RDCs but also research institutions, partner entities, industry, whoever. It is aimed at driving some collaboration.

I wish to advise the committee that I mistakenly advised that '[t]here are 12 projects under round 1, 17 projects under round 2 and six projects funded under round 3'. The correct response should read:

There are 12 projects under round 1, 17 projects under round 2 and seven projects funded under round 3.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the transcript of the Budget Estimates hearing and to provide clarification of my response.

Yours sincerely

~~Lara~~ Lara Musgrave
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