



2 December 2010

Mr Stephen Palethorpe
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
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Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Palethorpe,

Corrections to Hansard – Supplementary Budget Estimates 18 – 21 October 2010

I write about evidence provided by an officer from the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) to the Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications (the Committee) at the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on Tuesday 19 October 2010.

Following the hearing, ACMA officers who attended the hearing reviewed the proof copy of Hansard. Consequently, I wish to submit two corrections on behalf of the ACMA. Both corrections relate to responses given to questions from Senator Fifield on audio description.

1 Correction to page 78

In responding to a question on the rolling out of audio description technology, Ms Booyar stated on page 78 that:

There was a demonstration of audio description and it was an active demonstration. At that stage the participants basically observed the demonstration and there was some talk about their possible introduction and under what conditions. I think the ABC spoke about it briefly.

The ACMA wishes to correct the statement to:

Rather than a demonstration on audio description, the ACMA gave a presentation at the Captioning Forum on the technical aspects of audio description. The ABC and the Department also gave a brief update on the proposed audio description trial.

2 Correction to page 79

In responding to a further question on audio description, Ms Booyar stated on page 79 that:

It is one of the items they are considering.

The ACMA wishes to correct the statement to:

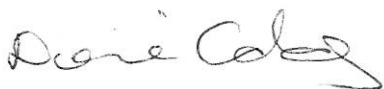
In regard to the ongoing working group, it will be solely focused on captioning but the ACMA is aware of ongoing interest in audio description and is willing to participate in further discussions on this topic.

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The ACMA wishes to take the opportunity now to correct the record.

If you have any queries about these corrections, please contact Jill Quinlan, Manager, Parliamentary & Coordination Section on (02) 9334 7908.

Yours sincerely,



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