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**Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts**

Senator A McEwen  
Chair  
Senate Standing Committee on Environment  
Communications and the Arts  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator McEwen

On 24 February 2009 I appeared as a witness before the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts for the Additional Budget Estimates Hearing. During the hearing, Senator Birmingham asked a question regarding the availability of credits for householders who install photovoltaic units. The question appears on ECA 57 of the transcript.

In response to that question I indicated that 1,000 Renewable Energy Certificates would accrue to the householder per kilowatt installed. I wish to make it clear for the record that the value of Renewable Energy Certificates which would accrue to the householder from installation of a typical photovoltaic unit is approximately \$1,000, not 1,000 Renewable Energy Certificates. It would be appreciated if you could please inform all committee members of this correction.

Yours sincerely

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