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Senator A McEwen
Chair
Senate Standing Committee on
Environment, Communications & the Arts
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator McEwen,

On 23 February I appeared as a witness before the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications & the Arts for the Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing. During the hearing I responded to a question from Senator Birmingham regarding Screen Australia's targets for the year, appearing on ECA 123 of the transcript.

The figure I quoted as Screen Australia's 2008-09 production budget of "about \$60 million on films, television dramas and documentaries", excluded the \$10 million Commissioned Production budget of the former Film Australia, of which \$9 million has been committed.

Please note for the record that Screen Australia's full production budget for 2008-09 is \$70 million, and all but \$11 million has been committed to date. As stated at the hearing, Screen Australia is on target to commit the full production budget by year end. It would be appreciated if you could inform all committee members of this correction.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Ruth Harley
Chief Executive Officer

27 February 2009

Cc. Ms Sally Basser, First Assistant Secretary Culture Division, Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts