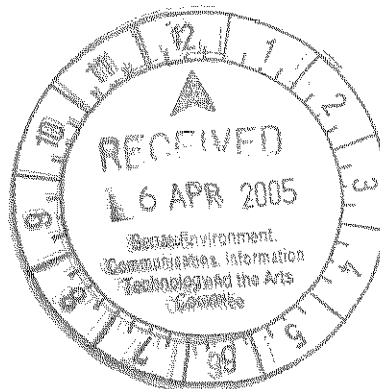




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Senator Alan Eggleston
Chairman
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Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Senator Eggleston

**CLARIFICATION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE NATIONAL
ARCHIVES APPEARANCE BEFORE THE SENATE ENVIRONMENT,
COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS
COMMITTEE**

I am writing to advise you of a matter relating to the appearance by the National Archives before the above Committee on 15 February which requires clarification.

At the hearing Senator Carr asked for the value for the Archives of the additional 0.25 per cent efficiency dividend. The figures given at the hearing (page 84 of the Hansard record) were calculated based on total funds received from Government. This is not the correct methodology. The calculation should be based only on salaries and administration funding received from Government. Accordingly, the additional 0.25 per cent dividend for the Archives amounts to \$96 000 (line 44), and the entire 1.25 per cent dividend equals \$480 000 (line 30).

The Minister for the Arts and Sport is aware that I would be writing to you to have these clarifications placed on the record.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross Gibbs", followed by a period.

Ross Gibbs
Director-General

1 April 2005