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Mr Ian Holland
Secretary
Environment, Communications,
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Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Clarification of information – 2005-06 Additional Estimates Hearings

Dear Mr Holland,

During the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee Additional Estimates hearings from 13 to 14 February 2006, Senator Lundy and Senator Conroy asked a series of questions to the officers of the Department. I would like to clarify several responses provided by departmental officers at the hearings. These clarifications are set out in Attachment A to this letter.

It would be appreciated if you could bring the above to the attention of Committee members.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Williams
7 April 2006

Clarification / correction of information provided during the 2005-06 Additional Estimates Hearings - DCITA

Item No.	Hansard reference	Witness reply as per Hansard	Corrected response/clarification
1. ICT	Mon 13/02/06 Page ECITA 110 Dr Hart in reply to Sen Conroy	“There was a program called Towns Over 500, which targeted population centres over 500, and that was \$21.8 million.”	“There was a program called Towns Over 500, which targeted population centres over 500, and that was \$22.8 million.”
2. ICT	Mon 13/02/06 Page ECITA 110 Dr Hart in reply to Sen Conroy	“Then more recently, as a part of the Estens response, there was an extended mobile phone coverage program, which is \$15.6 million.”	“Then more recently, as a part of the Estens response, there was an extended mobile phone coverage program, which is \$14.4 million.”
3. Arts & Sport	Tues 14/02/06 Page ECITA 80 Mr Lyons in reply to Sen Lundy	“And the entire \$2 million for Cardinia Park redevelopment has been paid.”	“And one third of the \$2 million for Kardinia Park redevelopment has been paid.”