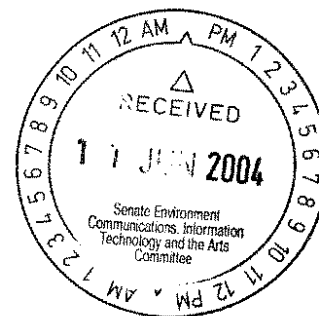


8 June 2004



The Chairman
Senate Standing Committee on Environment,
Communications, Information Technology and the
Arts
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Eggleston

I write to correct in two places the evidence I gave to your committee at the Senate Estimates hearing of 26 May 2004 into the National Museum of Australia (NMA).

On page ECITA 98 I told Senator Lundy that I did not believe I was present at a meeting of the NMA Board when a decision was taken to remunerate Council members on a monthly basis. A search of Council minutes has revealed that I was listed as attending the eighty-fourth meeting of the Council on 27 March 2000, the meeting at which the matter was raised. I have, however, no recollection of the discussion.

On page ECITA 100 I told Senator Lundy that Mr Christopher Pearson was involved in bringing into the Museum's collection a Ben Chifley pipe. That was incorrect. Mr Pearson did assist the Museum to acquire some Chifley memorabilia, but the pipe, which came into the collection some years earlier, was not part of this.

I hope that this clarifies the matter and corrects the record accordingly. Further information is supplied in the answers to the Questions on Notice from the hearing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Morton'.

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