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Senator Alan Eggleston
Chair
Senate Environment, Communications, Information
Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Eggleston

At the Estimates Hearings of the Committee on Wednesday 25 May 2005, in answering questions from Senator Carr, I provided incorrect explanations in relation to two matters.

Firstly I provided a response relating to the categorisation of major performing arts companies following the Nugent Report (page 87 of the Proof Hansard). The correct categories are International, Australian Flagship, Specialist and State Flagship.

Secondly, I provided a response relating to secretariat services provided to the Cultural Ministers Council by the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (page 91 of the Proof Hansard). The correct amount of ASL is 0.6, not 1.0 as stated.

I regret that incorrect information was provided and would be grateful if these corrections could be drawn to the attention of members of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Bean'.

Lynn Bean
A/g Deputy Secretary
Arts and Sport
21 June 2005