



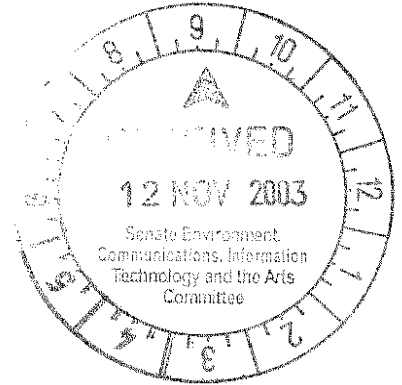
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Dear Senator Eggleston

I am writing to clarify evidence provided to the Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee on 3 November 2003.

During that evidence, I answered in the negative when Senator Mackay asked (p129 of the transcript), 'Were any companies at all approached with respect to undertaking monitoring of the ABC by the Department?'

I now understand that, although no companies were approached to undertake monitoring by the Department, a Departmental officer did speak to Media Monitors to clarify information relating to monitoring of the ABC already supplied by that company.

Yours sincerely

Helen Williams

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