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Senator Alan Eggleston
Chairman
Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Senator Eggleston

At the November 2003 Senate Estimates Committee Hearing, Telstra took a Question on Notice (number 43) from Senator Bishop regarding the changes in Telstra full time staff numbers in 2002/03.

We submitted a response to this question which I understand was forwarded to the Committee on 13 January 2004.

Telstra wishes to advise that, following a re-examination of our jobs data, we have found that the original answer is incorrect in relation to that part of the question seeking a breakdown of the staff changes by job type. Accordingly, Telstra has now submitted an amended answer to question 43. The original answer should therefore be disregarded.

Telstra regrets that this error has occurred and apologises for any inconvenience this may have caused Senator Bishop or the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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c.c Mr Mick McLean, Secretary, Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee.

Mr Chris Cheah, Chief General Manager Telecommunications, Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

Mr Richard Windeyer, Advisor, Office of the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.