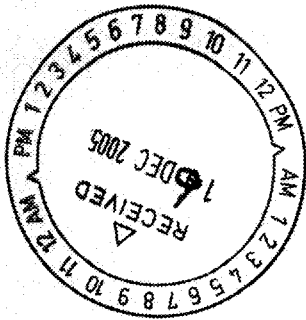




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Dear Peter

Clarification of evidence given at the 2005-06 Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings
2 November 2005

I am writing to provide clarification of evidence given during the 2005-06 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings, held on 2 November 2005 (details are attached).

I would be grateful if you would convey the attached information to the relevant Senators, and to the other members of the Committee.

Please contact me on 6213 6803 if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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13 December 2005

CLARIFICATION OF EVIDENCE GIVEN AT THE 2005-06 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 2 NOVEMBER 2005

SENATOR CAMPBELL – BIOTECHNOLOGY AUSTRALIA SURVEY

(Refer Proof Hansard 02/11/05, page E16)

In responding to a question from Senator Campbell regarding the methodology for the survey conducted by Eureka Strategic Research, Mr Pennifold said:

'I am advised there were the telephone interviews and that was followed up with a series of focus groups as well. At least 13 of those focus groups drew from a wide range of communities. So it dealt with issues in the broad, and then also delved into attitudes in a more specific way.'

Clarification

In total, there were 17 focus groups held.

SENATOR CAMPBELL – AUTO INDUSTRY STRATEGIC GROUP

(Refer Proof Hansard 02/11/05, page E28)

In responding to a question from Senator Campbell regarding attendees at the 12 August meeting of the Auto Industry Strategic Group, Mr Pettifer stated 'Also involved in the meeting were representatives from the Victorian and South Australian industry ministers.'

Clarification

The Victorian and South Australian industry ministers attended the meeting themselves. The statement should therefore have been 'Also involved in the meeting were the Victorian and South Australian industry ministers.'

SENATOR O'BRIEN – SKILLS SHORTAGES IN TOURISM SECTOR

(Refer Proof Hansard 02/11/05, page E48)

In responding to a question from Senator O'Brien regarding shortages of cooks and chefs, Ms Kelly stated 'I think it is fair to say that, while we have an interest, it is primarily a DEST issue and the Australian hospitality skills council would be the main body taking that kind of analysis forward to action.'

Clarification

The statement should have referred to 'the Service Industries Skills Council's Tourism and Hospitality Industry Advisory Committee', rather than to 'the Australian hospitality skills council'.