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Dear Peter

**Additional clarification of evidence given at the 2005-06 Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings, 2 November 2005**

I am writing to provide further 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 Senator Campbell, 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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**CLARIFICATION OF EVIDENCE GIVEN AT THE 2005-06 SUPPLEMENTARY  
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**SENATOR CAMPBELL – REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATION**  
(Refer Proof Hansard 2/11/05 page E5)

**Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL**—How much of the \$99 million is an actual outright cut to the department's appropriation?

**Ms McCluskey**—The reduction in our appropriation is detailed in the measures pages on pages 24 to 26. The most significant would be the details of the reduction in the textile and clothing strategic investment program—savings of \$57.7 million.

Clarification

The response should have been as follows:

**Ms McCluskey**—The reduction in our appropriation, as a consequence of recent government decisions, is detailed in the measures pages on pages 24 to 26. The most significant would be the details of the reduction in the textile and clothing strategic investment program—savings of \$57.7 million.

**SENATOR CAMPBELL – REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATION**  
(Refer Proof Hansard 2/11/05 page E6)

**Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL**—You said that the reduction in appropriations in 2005-06 was \$99.13 million.

**Ms McCluskey**—The \$83 million you are talking about is just our administered funding and the \$16 million is the impact on departmental funding, so the \$99 million includes the administered and the departmental appropriation funding for the department.

Clarification

The response should have been as follows:

**Ms McCluskey**—The \$83 million you are talking about is administered, capital and other departmental funding changes, and the minus \$16 million transferred to Tourism Australia is the major impact on departmental funding, so the \$99 million includes the administered and the departmental appropriation funding for the department.



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**SENATOR CAMPBELL – REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATION***(Refer Proof Hansard 2/11/05 page E6)***Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL**—Can you explain to me what the \$83 million is made up of?**Ms McCluskey**—The \$83 million is made up as a detail before the movement in our measures funding, as well as the movement of funds between financial years.Clarification

The response should have been as follows:

**Ms McCluskey**—The \$83 million is made up of existing variations between years, and as detailed before, as the movement in our measures funding, as well as the movement of funds between financial years, and variations in capital.**SENATOR CAMPBELL – REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATION***(Refer Proof Hansard 2/11/05 page E6)***Senator GEORGE CAMPBELL**—So you have had a cut of \$83.13 million?**Ms McCluskey**—A change in our administered appropriation.Clarification

The response should have been as follows:

**Ms McCluskey**—A change in our administered and capital appropriations mainly.