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Dear Dr Batge

Following the recent Budget Estimates hearing on 1 June 2010 I am writing to advise the following corrections to the Hansard.

**Proof Hansard reference – EEWR48 Page 52**

**Senator Bilyk asked,** “Will you take on notice those other questions about costs and—”

**Mr Hoy responded,** “I will just check. That estimate we referred to earlier was an updated estimate of work Access Economics did. I think it was in 2005-06. It was \$57.5 billion. That is the estimate of the cost of work related injuries and illnesses to the community. That was 5.9 per cent of GDP. I am advised that it is not possible to break up the cost of that estimate to employees and employers”.

**Correction** – the comment “I am advised that it is not possible to break up the cost of that estimate to employees and employers” was provided in error and should read “In terms of the burden to the community, 3 per cent of the total cost is borne by employers, 49 per cent by workers and 47 per cent by the community”.

The Chair requested copies of the Key Work Health and Safety Statistics booklet that was referred to when providing evidence. Copies for the Committee are enclosed.

Yours sincerely



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