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Dear Secretary

The purpose of this letter is to put on record a correction to an answer given during AusAID's appearance at the recent Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings. In response to a question from Senator Eggleston 'You have one website or several?' I replied 'one website' (see p99 of the Hansard transcript).

The answer to that question is not in fact straightforward. While there is a single main AusAID website, AusAID in fact hosts and operates two websites:

1. The main AusAID website, which provides a complete overview of Australia's overseas aid program (www.ausaid.gov.au); and
2. The Office of Development Effectiveness (ODE) website - ODE are an -independent evaluation group located within AusAID (<http://www.ode.ausaid.gov.au>).

A further three websites are operated by AusAID but hosted externally:

1. Engage Blog, managed by AusAID but located on the Department of Finance and Deregulation's Govspace platform. Govspace is an online communications platform that hosts public blogs and other engagement websites on behalf of Australian Government agencies (<http://ausaid.govspace.gov.au>);
2. The Australian Volunteers for International Development site, which is managed on behalf of AusAID by a contractor (<http://www.ausaidvolunteers.gov.au>); and
3. Annual Review of Aid Effectiveness, a static site located outside of the AusAID website due to the independent nature of the review (<http://www.aidreview.gov.au/>).

A range of other websites relating to AusAID programs exist, typically issue-specific (eg for the Malaria 2012 conference <http://malaria2012conference.com>), or initiative-specific (eg the Indonesia Infrastructure Initiative site <http://indii.co.id/>).

Yours sincerely

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