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Mr Alistair Sands  
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Dear Mr Sands

At the Senate Estimates hearing on 10 February 2003, I was asked a question by Senator Faulkner in relation to work done on the tennis courts at Parliament House. The question was, "What is happening with the tennis courts?"

I answered the question by stating that, "The tennis court surfaces had worn out and are being replaced with new surfaces."

Senator Faulkner asked, "What is the cost of that project?"

I incorrectly answered, "It is \$70,000 for the four tennis courts."

In fact, Joint House Department has had two tennis court projects in recent years. The first project was in the 2001-02 financial year and was for the resurfacing of four courts and the replacement of fencing at a cost of 119,000. This project was completed on 12 June 2002. The second project occurred in the 2002-03 financial year. It related to the replacement of playing surfaces and the replacement of fencing on a further two courts—not four courts, as I reported to the Committee. This project was completed on 5 February 2003. The budget for the project was \$70,000 but it was completed at a cost of \$54,000.

I apologise that this detailed information was not available at the time of the Committee hearing.

Yours sincerely

M BOLTON  
Secretary