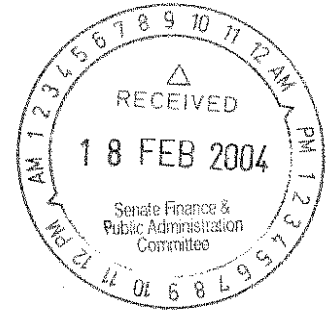




THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600



18 February 2004

Mr Alistair Sands
Secretary
Finance and Public Administration
Legislation Committee
SG.60
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Alistair

ESTIMATES HEARING 16 FEBRUARY 2004

I would like to correct an answer I gave at the Additional Budget Estimates hearing of the Department of the Senate on 16 February 2004. On page 4 of the transcript Senator Faulkner asked me who was owner of the 'black rods' which were up for auction from a gallery in Melbourne.

I answered:

The Department of the Environment and Heritage, through Old Parliament House.

It should read the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, through Old Parliament House.

Yours sincerely

Andrea Griffiths
Usher of the Black Rod