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Dear Mr Sands

I am writing to clarify evidence which was given at the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee hearings on 16 February 2004.

During the course of the hearings I was asked whether the National Australia Day Council had a commercial arrangement with Channel 10 (page F&PA 98 of Hansard). My response indicated that Channel 10 provided broadcast facilities.

I have been informed by the Council that, under the terms of its media partnership arrangements, Channel 10 agreed to air a number of programmes relating to Australia Day and the Australia Day awards, and to provide various production facilities and other assistance for these programmes. For 2003-2004, the programmes included the Awards announcement ceremony, the Australia Day Concert, an Awards recipients documentary and community service announcements.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Metcalfe Deputy Secretary

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