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Mr Alistair Sands
Committee Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration
Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Sands

Estimates Hearing of 14 February 2006 - Correction to Response

I am writing to you to correct evidence I provided in answer to a question from Senator the Hon Robert Ray during the appearance of the Department of Finance and Administration at the 14 February 2006 hearings of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee.

Senator Ray asked a question about when an increase in the staffing allocation for the Leader of The Nationals in the Senate from three (3) to ten (10) had occurred. The question appears on Hansard page F&PA 60.

At Hansard page F&PA 61 I stated that the allocation increased to ten (10) on 12 July 2005. This was my understanding at the time of the hearing.

Following the hearing however, the records held within Ministerial and Parliamentary Services have been checked and the correct date that the increase occurred has been brought to my attention.

I would like to correct my evidence to state that the increase in the staffing allocation for the Leader of The Nationals in the Senate took effect on 7 July 2005.

It would be appreciated if you could bring this matter to the attention of the Committee.

Should you require any further information in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 6215 3504.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jan', with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Jan Mason
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7 March 2006