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



Dear Mr Sands

Question on Notice No. PM60.

Today my office was made aware of an outstanding response to Question on Notice PM60 from Senator Murray at last November's estimates relating to the Senate order for contracts.

I sincerely apologise for the delay in the Committee receiving this response. An answer to the question is attached. The answer was prepared and cleared by me on 15 November 2005 and was provided to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. My office understood at the time that that Department would be co-ordinating portfolio responses on this matter along with the two other questions for which answers were being co-ordinated by the department.

It is most unfortunate that this mix up has occurred. To avoid any problems in the future my office will send all responses directly to the Committee.

Again, I apologise for the delay in responding in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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