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I wish to provide further information in relation to evidence provided at the Additional Estimates hearing on Monday 8 February 2010 concerning a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) lodged by the Nine Network Australia in relation to costs associated with the 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen (the conference).

On pages 90-93 of the Proof Hansard for Monday 8 February 2010 I am quoted as follows:

Ms Beauchamp—Senator Ronaldson, these questions should be directed to the Department of Climate Change. If I can just confirm we have not received any FOI request about costs. The costs to our department were minimal. As Mr Suckling has said, we had two attendees. The costs related to ministerial travel and accommodation should be directed to the department of finance.

[...]

Senator FERGUSON—So if that is the case that means that the costs that you are still tabulating could not possibly be included in the freedom of information request, could they?

Ms Beauchamp—As far as I aware, we have not been requested to provide any information under any FOI request.

I have made enquiries and since been advised that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the department) has not received any FOI requests concerning costs associated with the conference; however, the Nine Network Australia lodged an FOI request with the Department of Climate Change (DCC) concerning costs associated with the conference and DCC consulted with the department in relation to the request dealt with by DCC. The department provided information in relation to a list of the delegates to the conference provided by DCC including the cost of airfares.

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