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Christine McDonald
Senate Finance and Public
Administration Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms McDonald,

Clarification of statement to the committee

1 I wish to provide clarification of comments made in the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee on Monday 25 May, 2009.

2 In discussing the percentage of green energy that is part of the new whole of government contract, to which DPS is a party, I identified that there was a 10 per cent green component.

Mr Thompson—In an ideal world we would like it to be 100 per cent, but there are some stark cost implications there. Green electricity in the ACT is a lot dearer. I do not have the figures with me. Perhaps you could ask John Nakkan; he is across the detail.

Mr Nakkan—Again, the contract is a whole of government contract. It was negotiated by the Department of Defence. We are a party to that arrangement, but the contract is actually with the Department of Defence and that negotiation had a 10 per cent green component.

Senator BERNARDI—There was a promise by the government...."

3 Under the contract the default arrangement is that 10% of energy supplied will be Green electricity. The contract also provides for optional purchase of additional Green electricity, and it is the DPS intention to purchase a total of 25% Green electricity under the contract.

Yours sincerely,

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