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CORRECTION TO EVIDENCE Budget Estimates Tuesday 22 May 2012

We wish to correct the record in relation to evidence provided at the Budget Estimates hearing on Tuesday 22 May 2012 concerning information on AusTender about a 'publication of blog' contract.

On page 27 of the Proof Hansard for Tuesday 22 May 2012, we are quoted as follows:

Senator RYAN: Okay, because it is listed simply in AusTender as 'Publication of blog'.

Ms Leon: Yes, well, AusTender does not give you enough space to write all of this information on it—

Senator RYAN: No, I appreciate that—

The statement that 'AusTender does not give you enough space to write all of this information on it' was not correct. The restriction on the character length for a description of a procurement is set by PM&C's internal finance system which allows staff to 'enter a short, clear and relevant description of the contract' of up to 60 characters which is consistent with Department of Finance and Deregulation guidelines. PM&C uploads this data from its internal system into AusTender.

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