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Ms Christine McDonald
Secretary
Finance & Public Administration Legislation Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Ms McDonald *Christine*

At yesterday's hearing, I stated in answer to a question from Senator Fifield that Black Rod's Office staff had been working on the style guide for the replacement of furniture for 12–18 months. A check of departmental files has since indicated that this work has been undertaken since early 2009 which is longer than the period stated.

I apologise for the inadvertent error.

Yours sincerely

Brien Hallett