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Dear Ms Radcliffe

In the course of reviewing the record of responses by officers of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and portfolio agencies during the Additional Estimates hearings conducted by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee on 18 and 19 February 2008, it has been determined that several of the answers provided were incomplete or inaccurate.

The errors occurred through officers of my Department attempting to answer the Committee's questions, in good faith and from memory, without the specific details at hand for reference. We have since had the opportunity to review the answers provided at the hearings and the following pages provide our corrections and in some cases further information for the consideration of the Committee.

I apologise for incorrect or incomplete information supplied at the hearings and for any misunderstanding that may have arisen. It would be appreciated if these corrections could be brought to the attention of the members of the Committee.

If you have any queries on this matter, please contact me on 6272 5590.

Yours sincerely

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