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File Reference:

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Dear Senator Sterle

Subject: Senate Additional Budget Estimates February 2009

I write regarding a statement made at the Senate Additional Budget Estimates held on 24th February 2009.

At the time of the hearings information was given that ambiguous or was unwittingly answered incorrectly. The excerpts appear in Hansard as follows:

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Hansard Transcript Statement reads:

Mr Banham—Our staffing number as of 31 December was 1,249. That is actually an increase since the last hearing. We have had some increases in some measures outside of the regional offices. The total number of staff from regional offices, which we reduced, is around 32.

Further information from that statement should include:

Mr Banham—Our staffing number as of 31 December was 1,249 ***including a number of inoperative staff***. That is actually an increase since the last hearing. We have had some increases in some measures outside of the regional offices. The total number of staff from regional offices, which we reduced, is around 32. ***This number includes staff that have been redeployed within the Department or are on retention.***

Date: Tuesday, 24th February 2009

Page: 10, Paragraph 18

Hansard Transcript Statement reads:

Mr Banham—In going to media monitoring, it is a fully contracted service.

Clarification of this statement should read:

Mr Banham—In *regards* to media monitoring, it is a fully contracted service.

Date: Tuesday, 24th February 2009

Page: 10, Paragraph 18

Hansard Transcript Statement reads:

Mr Banham—At Launceston it was the secretary, at Corio it was the deputy secretary and for Campbelltown it was the secretary and the deputy secretary.

Clarification of this statement should read:

Mr Banham—At Launceston it was the *Secretary and a Deputy Secretary*, at Corio it was a *Deputy Secretary* and for Campbelltown it was the *Secretary*.

I apologise for the inaccuracy and trust this will remove any ambiguity.

Yours sincerely



David Banham
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24 April 2009