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Senator Glenn Sterle
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Dear Senator Sterle

Having reviewed the transcript of the Additional Estimates hearing conducted by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on 8 February 2010, I would like to make corrections to the responses to two questions asked by Senator Siewert.

The first correction relates to an answer provided by Mr Bartlett, which can be found on page 77/15 of the Hansard proof:

Mr Bartlett – It depends on what you are talking about when you are referring to proponents. If a small organisation that goes directly to a proponent happens to be a regional body it could well still go through the state, depending on whether it is a competitive project or one of the ones that are covered in the regional base funding arrangements.

I would like to clarify that the correct response should read.

Mr Bartlett – It depends on what you are talking about when you are referring to proponents. If it is a small organisation that has a Caring for our Country project, then the payment goes directly to a proponent. If it happens to be a regional body managing the project, it could well still go through the state, depending on whether it is a competitive project or one of the ones that are covered in the regional base funding arrangements.

The second correction relates to an answer provided by Mr Thompson, which can be found on page 83/2 of the Hansard proof:

Mr Thompson - At present their contracts are for 12 months.


I would like to clarify that the correct response should read.

Mr Thompson - At present their contracts are for six months and are currently being negotiated for another four months.

Please bring this additional information to the attention of the members of the committee. I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 6272 3035.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth Bie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing 'E' and 'B'.

Elizabeth Bie
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