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**Department of Regional Australia,
Local Government, Arts and Sport**

Senator Sterle
Chair
Rural And Regional Affairs And Transport Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Sterle

On 14 February 2012 I appeared as a witness before the Senate Rural And Regional Affairs And Transport Legislation Committee for the 2011-12 Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing.

During the hearing, Senator Humphries asked a number of questions relating to the Resale Royalty for Visual Artists Act 2009, including whether I would regard the scheme a success given the scheme has cost \$1.5 million to establish. In response to the question, I stated that three years' funding was announced at half a million dollars each year.

I wish to clarify that the allocation of the \$1.5 million over three years is as follows: \$0.75 million in 2009-10, \$0.5 million in 2010-11, and \$0.25 million in 2011-12 for the establishment of the resale royalty scheme.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Eccles'.

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