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**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and Local Government**

Senator Glenn Sterle
Chair, Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
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Dear Senator Sterle

Subject: Clarification of evidence provided at the May 2009 Estimates Hearings

I write regarding statements made at the Senate Estimates Hearings held on 28 May 2009.

At the time of the hearings information was unintentionally given that was inaccurate. The excerpts appear in the Hansard as follows:

Date: Thursday, 28 May 2009
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In response to a question from Senator Heffernan asking whether 80 per cent of Australia's domestic air cargo is carried on passenger aircraft, I stated:

Mr Retter – 'That is correct.'

Please be advised that: Eighty per cent of Australia's export air cargo is carried on passenger aircraft. No Australian Bureau of Statistics or industry statistics are produced that quantify the amount of cargo carried on domestic passenger aircraft.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Retter'.

Paul Retter, AM
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