



Australian Government

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Senator the Hon. Glenn Sterle
Chairman
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Department of the Senate
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Dear Senator Sterle

The department provided incorrect budget details in answer to a question taken on notice at the Budget Estimates hearing conducted by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on 21 and 22 May 2012, which I would like to correct.

In response to Question 277 on Overseas Posts the amount of \$881,000 was provided in regard to the cost to maintain agricultural representation in Japan. This is the cost of only one Australian employee and their support staff. We have two Australian officers posted to Japan with 2.5 locally engaged support staff.

The correct budget figure for Japan for 2011-12 is \$2,110,200. This figure also covers the change over costs for one of the Australian staff.

I enclose a standalone copy of the corrected response.

We genuinely apologise for this error and wish to advise that we have corrected the mistake as soon as it was discovered.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Evans', written over a horizontal line.

Jo Evans

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