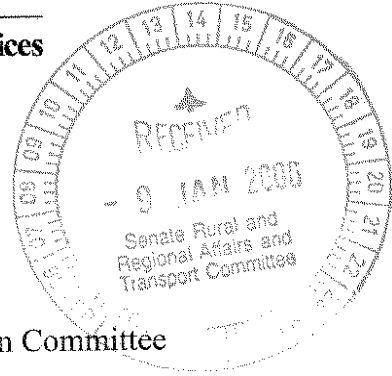




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Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan  
Chair  
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee  
Department of the Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Heffernan

Subject: Supplementary Estimates 2005

I write regarding my statements at the recent Senate Estimates Hearings on 31 October 2005.

At the time of the hearing incorrect information was unintentionally provided in response to a question from Senator O'Brien, recorded on page 47, line 29 of the Supplementary Estimates Hansard:

*'Ms Dickman—...to date about \$13.6 million has been allocated and announced.'*

The amount of funding under the Regional Airport Funding Program that had been advised was allocated and announced was incorrect. On the date of the hearing, approximately \$10.6 million had been allocated and announced. At 22 December 2005, approximately \$15.3 million has been allocated and announced.

I request that the correct information be placed on the record of the Hansard relating to the above session of the Supplementary Hearings 2005.

I apologise for any inconvenience that the incorrect information may have caused.

Yours sincerely

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22 December 2005