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Mr Alistair Sands  
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Dear Mr Sands

I refer to my letter to you dated 20 October 2005 regarding my evidence to the Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee Inquiry into Government Advertising and Accountability.

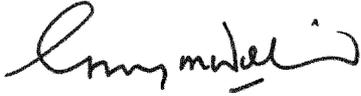
In that letter, I asked that you advise the Committee that an apparent error in the preparation of this department's 2003-04 annual report caused me to give evidence that may have misled the Committee.

Specifically, I referred to the payment of an amount of \$990,000 to Grey Worldwide Pty Ltd for the provision of advertising services in respect of the campaign for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. This amount, while reported at Table 15 in the annual report (as an amount of \$990,000 – the contract estimate) should also have been reflected at Table 14 (as an amount of \$835,023 – the actual amount paid).

It has now come to my attention that a further amount paid to Elliott and Shanahan Research for the provision of market research services, also for the campaign for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, was inadvertently omitted from Table 14 of the 2003-04 annual report. Again, this amount, while reported at Table 15 in the annual report (as an amount of \$495,000 – the contract estimate), should also have been reported at Table 14 (as an amount of \$504,306 – the actual amount paid) in the same annual report.

I would again be grateful if you would draw this letter to the attention of the Committee and convey my apologies for any confusion that may have resulted from my evidence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

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9 February 2006