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## Senator Michael Forshaw Chair

Dear Senator

Following my appearance before the committee on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2005, there are three issues that I wish to address with you.

- 1. Your request as to whether I had been briefed on SONAR. The answer is yes, I just did not recall it at the time.
- 2. Your question re Brisbania School and to the issue that "John Abel of Jim Lloyd's office had passed the preliminary application to the Department". After reviewing the file I now recall it was I who requested the Local Member's office to assist in having the application brought before the Department. The subject applicant, Brisbania School, had been proceeding through Gosford Council and the requirements of the day care were urgent as the current facilities were shocking. I had 'badgered' Council but had not been able to get the application through and we knew there was an election to be announced and once announced, no grants would be considered until after the election. So I contacted John Abel and requested he provide the preliminary paper whilst our office tidied up the original with Council. That project was approved and has been completed.
- 3. CARES facility (or Central Coast Lifelong Learning Centre): I stated that it was not yet approved. This is incorrect, it was approved on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2005.

Regards
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Chair
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