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Australian Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
References Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Ms Weeks

Public Hearing Wednesday 10 August 2005 - Proof Transcript

Thank you for your letter of 17 August enclosing a copy of the proof transcript. I do not have any suggested corrections.

During the hearing, I took a question on notice from Senator Ferris (reference RRA&T 8). The question and answer are attached.

Yours sincerely

Peter Chesworth
General Manager
Office of Small Business

22 August 2005

**Australian Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Inquiry into the operation of the wine making industry**

Senator Ferris asked:

Have you been approached by any of the national tourism bodies to see what can be done to assist some of the small wineries that are having difficulty in the current downturn?

Mr Chesworth responded:

The Office of Small Business has not been approached. I could take that question on notice and take it up with our tourism division to see if there has been any approach to them.

Response to question taken on notice:

Tourism Division has not been contacted by national tourism bodies about assisting small wineries.