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**Department of Agriculture,  
Water and the Environment**

Senator Andrew Bragg  
Chair  
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Bragg

Having reviewed the transcripts of the Budget Estimates hearings conducted by the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee on 31 March and 4 April 2022, the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment would like to provide two factual corrections to the Committee.

**Correction 1.**

During the hearing on 31 March 2022, Senator Brown said in relation to the lease on the Australian Antarctic Division site:

*"When is the lease up on the AAD site where you are situated now?"*

In response Mr Ellis said:

*"The AAD lease at the Kingston site terminates next year. We're currently in discussions with the leaseholder about a series of appropriate extensions to allow us to remain on site....."*

I wish to correct this answer to:

*"The Australian Antarctic Division site at 203 Channel Highway lease expires on 30 June 2024 with one 10 year option. We must give Notice to Exercise the Option no later than 31 December 2023."*

**Correction 2.**

During the hearing on 31 March 2022, Senator Hanson-Young said in relation to Hells Gates Dam:

*"When was it originally referred?"*

In response Mr Say said:

*"It was last year around midyear. I would have to get back to you on the exact —."*

I wish to correct this answer to:

*"It was submitted on 29 January 2021."*

I apologise for the error in the answers outlined above and trust this further information will be of assistance to the Committee. The remainder of the answers to questions given at the hearing are correct.

Yours sincerely

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