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Mr David Sullivan
Secretary
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee
Department of the Senate
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Dear Mr Sullivan

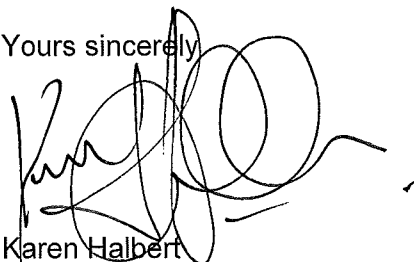
I am writing to provide a clarification of the evidence I gave at the Supplementary Estimates Hearing on 20 October 2016 to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade. The discussion is referenced on page 132 of the proof Hansard.

Senator Malarndirri McCarthy asked a series of questions about the Working Holiday Maker taskforce. I advised that Tourism Australia had a role on the Inter-Departmental Committee. I then described the Inter-Departmental Committee as a Taskforce that was established by Minister Joyce to develop a response with regards to the working holiday maker taxation proposal. I also stated that Tourism Australia was on the Taskforce.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources set up two different groups – the Working Holiday Maker Visa Review Taskforce and the Working Holiday Maker Visa Review Inter-Departmental Committee. Tourism Australia had a role on the Inter-Departmental Committee, but not on the Taskforce. The Inter-Departmental Committee was a high level group whose members provided specific information about their agency's responsibilities. This information was provided to the Taskforce to assist in formulating the Australian government response to the Working holiday Maker supply and taxation issues. Tourism Australia was asked to provide information about the potential for a marketing campaign focused on working holiday makers.

I would be grateful if you could please draw this to the attention of the Chair and members of the Committee.

Yours sincerely



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