



27 April 2012

Mr Tim Bryant  
Secretary  
Senate Standing Committees on Economics  
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Bryant

Following the Budget Estimates hearing on 2 June 2011, the ATO tabled a response to a written question on notice (BET 39) regarding the use of external debt collectors.

As part of the response to the question we advised that:

The ATO conducts comprehensive annual reviews of the information technology systems and accommodation security of the debt collection agencies.

It has been brought to our attention that this sentence may be open to misinterpretation as, although reviews are carried out each year, not all agencies are reviewed each year.

In order to avoid confusion, an amended response is now submitted where the word 'annual' has been removed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Gibson', written in a cursive style.

Bill Gibson  
Acting Second Commissioner of Taxation