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Senator Jonathon Duniam
Chair, Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
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Dear Chair

On 23 May 2018 Mr Giles Tanner, on behalf of the Australian Communications and Media Authority, appeared as a witness before the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Budget Estimates Hearing.

During the hearing Senator Anne Urquhart asked for information about nbn 5G trials and allocation of spectrum in the 700 MHz band. Senator Urquhart asked:

"But didn't the ACMA provide the advice on the 700 megahertz in 2014 after those auctions had occurred?"

In response Mr Tanner said:

'In 2014, one of the auctions had occurred. We allocated six out of the nine paired spectrum licences that were on offer. So there was still three times 15 megahertz available at that time.'

I wish to correct this answer. There was in fact two times 15 megahertz available at that time. The remainder of the answer to the question, given at the hearing, is correct.

I apologise for the error in the answer and trust that this corrected information will be of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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