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Senator the Hon David Fawcett
Chair
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Fawcett

On Monday 19 October 2020 I appeared as a witness before the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Estimates hearing.

During the hearing Senator McAllister asked in relation to media processes

"How are media releases and transcripts distributed and published for the minister?"

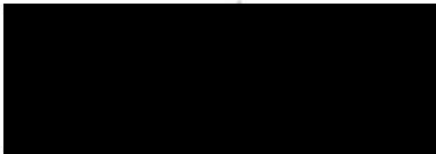
In response I said

"To my knowledge, they're distributed through the Isentia portal, which is an electronic portal that's managed by the department."

I wish to correct this answer. Ministerial media releases and transcripts are distributed by the office of each minister. At the direction of each minister's office, the department publishes ministerial media releases and transcripts to ministerial websites that are managed by the department. The remainder of my answer to the question, given at the hearing, is correct.

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

Yours sincerely



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