



Australian Government
**Department of Industry,
Innovation and Science**

Senator Jane Hume
Chair
Senate Economics Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Hume

On reviewing the Proof Hansard of the testimony given by the department at the Senate Estimates hearing on 5 April 2019, we find that some of the information provided to the Committee would benefit from clarification and correction.

The following exchange occurred between Senator Patrick, Dr Richards, General Manager, Advanced Technologies and myself:

Senator PATRICK: In terms of the first round, have any of the entities completed the grant cycle—concluded the investment, commissioned?

Ms Ryan: Contracts have all been executed with round 1. I don't believe any are completed. They are still ongoing with their contracts. That's my understanding.

Dr Richards: Many of the projects that came forward were early in their design phase. They were often having six to nine months of design before they started to—

Senator PATRICK: In no way am I criticising anything, I'm just trying to understand their status.

Dr Richards: They are long-run projects. Two to three years was quite typical for that run to implementation.

Ms Ryan: We do have an example of one project that we could tell you about, which is flat glass around one recipient. They upskilled 75 employees to operate and support new advanced manufacturing equipment. That was the first project completed.

I correctly stated at the start of this exchange that no projects were complete. As a result the final statement in the transcript should be corrected to read "That is expected to be the first project completed".

I apologise for any inconvenience caused and ask that you alert other members of the Committee to these corrections.

Yours sincerely

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