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Dr Sean Turner
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Economics
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Turner

**Estimates Hearing 4 December 2025, Economics Legislation Committee,
Department of the Treasury - Proof Committee Hansard, Page 37**

At the above noted Senate Estimates Hearings on 4 December 2025 I provided the following evidence;

In relation to the AOFM's liquidity buffer Senator Sharma asked:

I was reading that you keep about \$65 billion.

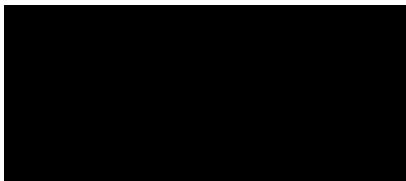
In response I said:

Our liquidity buffer is around \$30 billion. We will never go below that \$30 billion. That \$65 billion was a point in time at the end of the financial year. We did have a reasonable amount of cash on hand at that particular point in time because we had a number of maturities coming up this financial year that we need to prepare for.

I am writing to provide an amended response to the Committee in relation to this matter. I wish to amend this response to:

Our liquidity buffer is around \$30 billion. This means we plan our operations to ensure that Government cash balances generally don't fall below \$30 billion. That \$65 billion was a point in time at the end of the financial year. We did have a reasonable amount of cash on hand at that particular point in time because we had a number of maturities coming up this financial year that we need to prepare for.

I apologise for the error in my response and trust this information will be of assistance to the Committee. The remainder of my answers to the questions given at the hearing are correct.



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