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Ms Sarah Redden Committee Secretary Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Redden

I would like to provide clarification of evidence provided by me at the hearing of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee on 19 October 2020.

In response to questions from Senator Watt in relation to the total amount directly spent by the Commonwealth from the \$2 billion National Bushfire Recovery Fund, I quoted the amount \$717.6 million as at 31 August 2020. Instead, I wish to provide clarification that the amount is \$717 million (correctly rounded), as published on our authoritative source, the National Bushfire Recovery Agency website: https://www.bushfirerecovery.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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