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Senator Barry O'Sullivan Chair Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Chair

Having reviewed the transcript of the Additional Estimates hearings conducted by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on Tuesday 27 February 2018, the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources would like to make the following correction.

The correction relates to a question by Senator McCarthy which can be found on page 82 of the proof Hansard:

Ms Briscoe: If the minister's office requests assistance, that is provided by departmental officers. It's on an as-required basis.

Senator McCARTHY: Has the minister's office requested that?

Ms Briscoe: After the training that I just mentioned, no. He hasn't received any FOI request at this point.

I wish to advise the committee that since the hearing it has been drawn to my attention that Minister Littleproud's office had requested, and was provided with assistance with one Information Commissioner review. The Minister has not received any FOI requests.

Yours sincerely

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