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Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
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Dear Committee

Corrections to Hansard – Senate Estimates 19 February 2019

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority wishes to make the following two factual and two typographical corrections to the Hansard of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee Estimates, Tuesday 19 February 2019.

CORRECTION 1 - Factual

The correction relates to a response to a question from Senator McCarthy which can be found on page 73 of the proof Hansard:

Mr Smith: We have Stirloch Constructions representation, which is the project manager. We have Arrow Consulting Engineers, which is a separate project management consulting company that we've engaged to manage our interests with the build.

I wish to advise the Committee that the correct name for the company named above as "Arrow Consulting Engineers" is "Arrow Projects".

The Hansard should read:

Mr Smith: We have Stirloch Constructions representation, which is the project manager. We have Arrow Projects, which is a separate project management consulting company that we've engaged to manage our interests with the build.

CORRECTION 2 - Factual

The correction relates to a response to a question from Senator McCarthy which can be found on page 76 of the proof Hansard:

Mr Smith: Arrow Base is a Canberra based company.

I wish to advise the Committee that the correct name for the company is "Arrow Projects".

The Hansard should read:

Mr Smith: Arrow Projects is a Canberra based company.

CORRECTION 3 - Typographic

The correction relates to a response to a question from Senator McCarthy which can be found on page 74 of the proof Hansard:

Senator McCARTHY: What are the actual average costs to the APVMA associated with conducting assessments for registration for each assessment item type in 2017-18? How does that compare to the cost of five years ago for those categories or the ones most similar to the current categories? Are those costs expected to be more, or less, for the current financial year?

Dr Parker: I am very happy to provide you on notice what we charge for the individual assessments. As I pointed out in my opening statement the APVMA has not in the past done resource modelling about exactly what it does take to do some of these assessments and the resources required to do some of these assessments. I think the process we are running through the CHRIS, where we are actually logging the time of my staff, including myself and my executive—where we spend our time and on what particular issues and all that sort of thing—will provide us with a much sounder basis to provide you, during the CHRIS consultations, a much clearer understanding of not what we charge but what it costs to do those assessments.

I wish to advise the Committee that the correct term is “CRIS” – not “CHRIS”. CRIS stands for Cost Recovery Impact Statement.

The Hansard should read:

Dr Parker: I am very happy to provide you on notice what we charge for the individual assessments. As I pointed out in my opening statement the APVMA has not in the past done resource modelling about exactly what it does take to do some of these assessments and the resources required to do some of these assessments. I think the process we are running through the CRIS, where we are actually logging the time of my staff, including myself and my executive—where we spend our time and on what particular issues and all that sort of thing—will provide us with a much sounder basis to provide you, during the CRIS consultations, a much clearer understanding of not what we charge but what it costs to do those assessments.

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CORRECTION 4 - Typographic

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

Senator McCARTHY: Thank you, Chair. Has the APVMA fully cooperated and complied with all the requests? Was the APVMA or any of its officers contacted by any third parties—departmental officials, ministers, ministerial staff or MPs et cetera—about how you should respond to any such police requests?

Dr Parker: No.

I wish to advise the Committee that I answered “Yes” to the first part of this question.

The Hansard should read:

Senator McCARTHY: Thank you, Chair. Has the APVMA fully cooperated and complied with all the requests?

Dr Parker: Yes.

Senator McCARTHY: Was the APVMA or any of its officers contacted by any third parties—departmental officials, ministers, ministerial staff or MPs et cetera—about how you should respond to any such police requests?

Dr Parker: No.

Yours sincerely

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