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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 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings conducted by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on Tuesday 23 October 2018, the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources would like to make the following correction to evidence provided by Mr Scott Brown.

The relevant dialogue is on page 90 and 92 of the Hansard:

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**Senator McCARTHY:** How many did you receive?

**Mr Scott Brown:** We received 10 properties.

**Senator STERLE:** Ten proposals.

**Mr Scott Brown:** Yes, 10 proposals.

**Senator STERLE:** Not properties.

**Mr Scott Brown:** Proposals, yes.

**Senator McCARTHY:** How many properties were in that proposal?

**Mr Scott Brown:** Ten.

**Senator McCARTHY:** So there were 10 proposals and 10 properties, or 10 locations.

**Mr Quinlivan:** It depends what you mean by properties. As we've just said, there were multiple tenders using the same property, and then there were various permutations and combinations.

**Senator McCARTHY:** Okay, 10 proposals.

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**Senator McCARTHY:** The number was 10. Is that correct? Ten proposals?

**Mr Scott Brown:** There were nine properties but there was one double-up, and it was from five developers. So it was a bit of a mixture of things.

**Senator McCARTHY:** Mixture?

**Mr Scott Brown:** I think the best way to explain it is that there were nine properties and that worked out to be five developers' agents or some other consortium, but I can't tell you what notification processes happened.

Mr Brown incorrectly refers to 10 proposals and 10 properties (page 90) and nine properties (page 92). The correct numbers are 15 proposals and 11 properties.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the transcript of the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings and to provide clarification on the above points.

Yours sincerely

Daryl Quinlivan

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