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Dear Committee Secretary,

I am writing to provide a clarification to the Department of Health's submission to the Senate Select Committee on Administration of Sports Grants of 21 February 2020. I must apologise for the delay in providing this clarification which was originally drafted to be sent prior to our appearance before the Committee on Friday 28 February. Unfortunately, due to an administrative oversight in our Department this was not sent, as we had expected, prior to our appearance on the 28<sup>th</sup> and this oversight has only just been identified.

I refer in particular, to paragraph 10 of the Department's submission (copy attached) in which the department stated "(as) a point of clarification regarding footnote 28 of the ANAO report, the Department did not participate in the industry assessment panel".


By way of further clarification, no officer of the Department participated in the meeting of the industry assessment panel at which the projects were considered and discussed.

However, departmental officers were briefed by Sport Australia on the outcomes of the industry assessment panel deliberations, and subsequently endorsed the panel's decisions.

The Department offers this supplementary advice in the interests of transparency. The persons in question were junior staff members.

Kind regards,  
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