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Committee Secretary
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Parliament House

Re: Additional information provided to RRAT Committee inquiry

Dear Dr Thomson,

Thank you for the opportunity to address members of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee on 7 December, 2018.

Further to the questions on notice taken during the session, I provide the following information:

1. The membership fees paid to CropLife Australia by Monsanto Australia are divided into the following two components:
 - a) Crop Biotechnology Membership (CBM); and
 - b) Crop Protection Membership (CPM).

Amounts paid to CropLife in recent (financial) years by reference to each of those components were as follows (excluding GST):

- a) 2016/17 - \$122,703.42 (CBM); \$37,930 (CPM); and
 - b) 2017/18 - \$125,280.20 (CBM); \$38,727 (CPM).
2. Regarding CropLife Australia's engagements with government, we confirm that CropLife are best placed to provide an answer to this question and that they have provided a response to the committee on the 21 December 2018.

For completeness, I understand that Bayer does not believe it would have additional useful information to provide the Committee

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regarding what, if any, communications CropLife had with ministers / APVMA about the IARC review.

3. As I indicated to the Committee, do not recall being aware at the relevant time of "any findings" of substance being reported back to Monsanto Australia about the IARC determination, although I held a different position at the time. I refer to CropLife's response and note that it is possible that CropLife shared similar information regarding same with its members (including Monsanto Australia) at the time. We have revisited and reviewed our readily available records in the available time, and have not identified any relevant information from CropLife. In any event, we do not believe we would have any additional useful information to provide the Committee on this topic.

Although not a question on notice, to avoid any possible misunderstanding, we wish to also provide further information to support answers given to questions from the Committee about any engagement by Monsanto Australia with the APVMA as part of its consideration of the safety of glyphosate following the IARC assessment.

1. We confirm that there was no engagement by Monsanto Australia with APVMA as part of its review on any matters of substance.
2. However, there was limited communication at the relevant time about APVMA's intentions for the review in terms of process and timing, and to clarify the scope of review.
3. The review undertaken by APVMA was independent of any input from Monsanto Australia.
4. Having revisited and reviewed our readily available records in the available time, it is our belief that the answers given to the Committee, and the above additional context, accurately captures relevant nuances around any communications with APVMA as part of its review.



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Yours sincerely,

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