



**Western
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Airport**

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Senate Finance and
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Committee

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Dear Committee Secretary

**Correction of evidence provided by Western Sydney Airport at 10 March 2021
Senate inquiry hearing**

I would like to provide clarification of evidence I provided at the public hearing as part of the Senate inquiry into *The planning, construction and management of the Western Sydney Airport project* held on Wednesday 10 March 2021.

During the hearing, (Hansard reference page 37) I was asked by Senator Ayres “Have they largely stayed with you?” in relation to former Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications” staff originally seconded to Western Sydney Airport upon the establishment of the organisation and I answered, “we have three currently and I think we had six or seven originally on secondment”.

Subsequently I have been advised that the number of former Department staff seconded to Western Sydney Airport was seven, and four became permanent full-time employees of Western Sydney Airport.

In addition, during the hearing (Hansard reference page 37), I was asked by Senator Ayres whether any former members of Minister Fletcher’s staff were employed by Western Sydney Airport. While the question was taken on notice, I did state during the hearing that I believed the number to be zero. I have since been advised that one Western Sydney Airport employee is a former member of Minister Fletcher’s staff. I will also provide this information as a part of our responses to questions on notice.

I trust this clarification of evidence is of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer