



Senator the Hon. Anne Ruston

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Dear ~~Senator~~ 

I write to provide clarification of evidence I gave to the Committee during Additional Estimates on 28 February 2017.

Page 84 of the Proof Committee Hansard transcript of the hearing on that day shows that in response to your direction that I clarify the notification of the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources about the outbreak of white spot disease in the Logan River area, I gave the following evidence:

*"The minister was advised on 1 December that there had been a confirmed outbreak of white spot disease in a prawn farm adjacent to the Logan River, a farm which had offtake and discharge of its water into the Logan River. That was confirmed on 1 December and was advised to the minister."* (p84, Proof Committee Hansard, Estimates, Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee, Tuesday, 28 February 2017, Canberra).

I wish to clarify that it was the Minister's office, not the Minister himself, which was advised of the outbreak on 1 December 2016. I am informed the Minister was advised of the outbreak the following morning, on 2 December 2016.

Kind regards

Senator Anne Ruston