



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Agriculture  
and Water Resources**

Ref:

Senator Barry O'Sullivan  
Chair  
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator O'Sullivan

I am writing to correct a statement made at the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee Estimates hearing of Tuesday 28 February 2017.

At page 120 of the Hansard of that date Mr Parker stated that 'Specifically in answer to your question of transitional or, if you like, adjustment funding there was \$100 million provided to four state, so that was split each way with \$25 million'. Later Mr Parker stated 'There was \$100 million for the four states in total, so \$25 million each.'

Funding of \$100 million has been provided through the States through the Murray Darling Basin Regional Economic Diversification Program, a program managed by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. The funding was split; New South Wales \$33 million, Victoria \$25 million, South Australia \$25 million, Queensland \$15 million.

Yours sincerely

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