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Australian Trade and Investment Commission

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Senator Christopher Back Chair Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Factual corrections to Hansard Proof Additional Estimates 2 March 2017

Dear Senator

I refer to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee Additional Budget Estimates Hearings in relation to Austrade on 2 March 2017. At those hearings, Austrade provided information relating to the Australia Week in China events.

In the course of the hearing, I made reference to Austrade completing two Australia Week in China events as funded in the 2015-16 budget and to the 2016 Australia Week in China (page 127 of the proof Hansard, line no 11) including 964 delegates (also page 127, lines 22, 34 and 42).

The correct information is:

- Funding for the first Australia Week in China held in April 2014 was provided through the 2014-15 Budget. In the 2015–16 Budget, the Government allocated \$18 million over four years to deliver an expanded series of Australia Week events in China, India, the United States and ASEAN over a four year period. The second Australia Week in China event delivered in April 2016 was funded through this measure and a third event is tentatively scheduled for the first half of 2018; and
- 990 delegates for Australia Business Week in China in 2016.

I would be grateful if you could draw this correction to the attention of other members of the committee.

Yours sincerely

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