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Senator Anne Ruston
Chair
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Ruston

On 23 February 2015 I appeared before the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Additional Estimates hearing for the Bureau of Meteorology.

During the hearing Senator Singh asked:

Finally, when I asked you last time about whether you would provide any advice to the minister on the State of the climate 2014 report you did highlight that you had. Have you provided any further advice to the minister since October, when we last met, in relation to climate change and the findings of this report—the warmest years on record, the heat waves and their connection to rising greenhouse gas emissions?

In response I said:

Yes, I have. There was a strategy meeting with the minister and the department where I spoke about climate change matters. I can't remember the exact date but I am almost certain it was since October last year.

I wish to clarify this answer. The strategy meeting I was referring to took place prior to the October 2014 hearings. However, since that time, additional climate related briefings have been provided to the Minister by my staff.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify this matter for the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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