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Senator Linda Reynolds CSC
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Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
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Dear Senator Reynolds

At Senate Additional Estimates on Monday 8 February 2016, I recall stating that if CSIRO were to exit the joint Bureau of Meteorology–CSIRO Cape Grim Science Program entirely, there would be an annual funding shortfall of about \$460,000. I have since been advised that this figure is incorrect.

In 2014–15, CSIRO contributed \$1.5 million to the Cape Grim Science Program, which is similar to their contributions in prior years. The Bureau understands that there are fluctuations from year to year but would expect a similar level of contribution to the program in 2015–16 and future years.

The Bureau contributes about \$460,000 cash per year to CSIRO for services in support of the Cape Grim Science Program.

The Bureau also makes an in-kind contribution of about \$2.2 million per year for the running of the Cape Grim monitoring station. This figure covers labour, overheads, maintenance costs and periodic replacement of equipment.

I apologise for the error in my testimony.

Yours sincerely

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