

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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Senator Linda Reynolds  
Chair  
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Reynolds

On 24 May 2017 I appeared as a witness before the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Additional Estimates Hearing.

During the hearing Senator Gallagher asked for an update on the Library's earlier advice that it anticipated adding 1.5 million pages of contributor funded content to Trove during 2016-2017. She asked:

*"[would the total be] Higher than that 1.5 million?"*

In response I said:

*"Yes, it will be higher."*

I wish to correct this answer. After reviewing our contributor funded program for the remainder of the year, I can now confirm that the total for 2016-2017 is expected to be approximately 1.3 m pages. There are a number of contributing factors for the revised estimate.

The Library's largest contributor, the State Library of New South Wales, has decided to prioritise digitisation of journals rather than newspapers. Digitisation of journals is from hard copies and therefore less automated than digitisation of newspapers from microfilm. This will reduce the final tally of pages funded by the State Library this financial year.

The Library is partnering with the Office of Parliamentary Council to deliver the Commonwealth Gazette from 1901 to 2012. More than 270,000 pages of this content will be delivered by June 2017, with a further 380,000 pages now expected to be delivered in early 2017-2018.

The remainder of my answer to the question, given at the Hearing, is correct.

I apologise for the error in my answer and trust this further information will be of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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