



Senator Anne Ruston  
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Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee  
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Dear Senator Ruston

On 20 October 2014 I appeared as a witness before the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Estimates Hearing.

During the hearing discussion arose between Senator Whish-Wilson and the Australian Antarctic Division around leasing of the A319 Airbus:

**“Senator WHISH-WILSON:** *You mentioned the aeroplane a little earlier. Has the division been leasing the A319 Airbus to other departments? How much revenue has the division raised from these leasing arrangements in the past three financial years? Is there any ability to lease it out? I am just concerned that you have had revenue there in the past that has bolstered your accounts and, if you are not leasing the aircraft at the moment, then that might be a funding issue.*

**Dr Kennedy:** *The answer is yes. It has been leased out to other departments.*

**Senator WHISH-WILSON:** *I notice the forecast is for it to be lower.*

**Dr Kennedy:** *Yes, it is. Perhaps we could read them out to you. Is that helpful?*

**Mr Sutton:** *Over the last three years in 2013-14, it was approximately \$30 million. In 2012-13, it was approximately \$30 million, and in 2011-12, it was approximately \$1 million. This year's forecast for 2014-15 is again approximately about \$12 million.*

**Senator WHISH-WILSON:** *Twelve million up from one million in the last financial year.*

**Mr Sutton:** *No.*

**Senator WHISH-WILSON:** *Sorry, I thought you said \$1 million in the last financial year.*

**Mr Sutton:** *In 2011-12, it was \$1 million.”*

I wish to correct this answer. The wrong list of numbers was read out, the following should have been provided:

2014-15 - \$7.7 million (Budget)  
2013-14 - \$19.2 million (Actual)  
2012-13 - \$25.8 million (Actual)  
2011-12 - \$19.5 million (Actual)  
2010-11 - \$5.0 million (Actual)

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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