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Mr David Sullivan Secretary Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee Department of the Senate PO Box 6100 Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Sullivan

I am writing to provide a clarification of the evidence I gave at the Additional Estimates Hearing on 11 February 2016 to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade. The discussion is referenced on page 132 of the proof Hansard.

Senator Carol Brown asked if Tourism Australia has been asked for advice about participating in either the Pakistan Expo 2017 or the Dubai Expo 2020. I stated that Tourism Australia had not been asked for advice.

To clarify, I meant that Tourism Australia had not been asked by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade directly. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade have commissioned Deloitte to do a cost benefit analysis of potential participation in the Dubai 2020 Expo. Deloitte consulted with Tourism Australia as part of their cost benefit analysis research.

I would grateful if you could please draw this to the attention of the Chair and members of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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