



Australian Government

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Ms Lyn Beverley
Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Beverley,

I am writing to correct evidence given during the Budget Estimates Hearing of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee on Thursday, 29 May 2014.

Senator Collins asked whether changes in the Portfolio Budget Statements included the Efficiency Dividend (refer Page 64). I would like to clarify that the 0.25 per cent increase in the annual, ongoing Efficiency Dividend has been allocated to agencies.

Further, in addition to the *Communications and Public Affairs – target savings* measure, there are two other departmental savings measures yet to be allocated to agencies and have not been reported in Portfolio Budget Statements - *Parliamentarians and other public office holder salaries – freeze* and *Smaller Government – additional reductions in the number of Australian government bodies* (refer to Budget Paper 2, Page 70).

I would also like to correct my response to Senator Wong's question in relation to the Government's report '*The First 100 Days of Government*' report (refer Page 68). Senator Wong asked if Finance had any involvement "in the printing or preparation or checking of the material". I would like to clarify that Finance was provided an opportunity to comment on the final draft of this report prior to its release. No comments were provided by Finance in response to this request.

Yours sincerely

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