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Dear Senator Gallagher

I write to correct a response that I gave to a question from you at yesterday's hearing of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee.

You asked a question about the additional \$193,000 provided to the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) in the 2015-16 Budget. I mistakenly took your question to relate to the additional funding that the PBO receives every third year to gear up for an election.

Having now read the draft transcript of proceedings, it is clear that your question referred to the additional funding provided to the PBO over four years as set out in Table 1.2 at page 11 of the PBO's Portfolio Budget Statement. This additional funding has been provided to meet the PBO's liability for Fringe Benefits Tax from 1 April 2015 associated with the introduction of paid parking in the Parliamentary Triangle.

I apologise for unwittingly having not answered your question correctly during yesterday's hearing.

I have provided copies of this letter to the Committee Secretary and to the President of the Senate.

Yours sincerely

Phil Bowen

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