



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

Secretary

Senator Barry O'Sullivan
Chair
Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator O'Sullivan

I refer to my appearance before the Committee at the Additional Estimates Hearing on Monday 27 February 2017.

In response to questioning on the Hobart Airport runway extension project during the appearance of Infrastructure Investment Division, I indicated there may have been some slippage in the timeframe and that construction was now expected to be completed by the end of 2018. The excerpt appears in the Proof Committee Hansard as follows:

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I have subsequently become aware that Hobart International Airport Pty Ltd (HIAPL) has indicated to the Department the project remains on track for completion in March 2018. This information was provided to the Committee by Departmental officials in response to later questioning during the appearance of Aviation and Airports Division. The excerpt appears in the Proof Committee Hansard as follows:

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I would appreciate if you could note this advice for the information of the Committee. I apologise for any confusion this may have caused to members of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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