



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

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 write regarding statements made at the Budget Estimates Hearings held on Thursday 5 May 2016.

At the time of the Hearings, the Department incompletely answered a question. The excerpt appears in the Hansard as follows:

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In response to a question from Senator Sterle regarding previous funding provided by the Australian Government for the M80 Ring Road Upgrade, Mr Foulds stated that "from 2008-09 to 2013-14, the Australian Government did contribute \$864 million, which upgraded 23 kilometres of the M80 at a total cost of \$1.13".

Please be advised that the cost of the M80 Ring Road Upgrade from 2008-09 to 2013-14 was \$1.13 billion.

I would be pleased if you could note this advice for the information of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Thomann', with a small circular mark at the end.

Mark Thomann
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14 September 2016