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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 to clarify a statement my predecessor, Mr Mark Thomann, made at the Budget Estimates Hearing on Monday 22 May 2017 in response to questioning from Senator Gallacher regarding the \$75 billion Infrastructure Investment Programme figures over the next 10-year period.

This was raised in the course of an exchange involving Senator Gallacher, Mr Mike Mrdak AO and Mr Thomann, during the appearance of the Infrastructure Investment Division. The excerpt appears in the Proof Committee Hansard as follows:

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Lines: 48-49; and  
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Lines: 1-2.

During the session, Mr Thomann indicated that the total grant funding for the Infrastructure Investment Programme, over 2017-18 to 2020-21 would be \$20.96 billion. I correct this statement, the total grant funding over this period is \$22.15 billion.

Additionally, Mr Thomann indicated the total funding over the period from 2017-18 to 2026-27 will be \$51.3 billion. Again, I correct the statement, the total grant funding over this period will be \$52.2 billion. The two figures, \$20.96 billion and \$51.3 billion, advised by the Department in Estimates did not include new announcements at Budget 2017-18.

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 to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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