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Department of Agriculture

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Senator the Hon. Bill Heffernan
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Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
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Dear Senator Heffernan

The department provided an incorrect answer to a written question on notice from the Supplementary Budget Estimates November 2013 hearing conducted by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (the Committee), which I would like to correct.

In response to question 309 on education, executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by the department and portfolio agencies, the department correctly reported on the education and executive coaching services purchased during the reporting period. The department incorrectly reported on the number of Department of Agriculture employees utilising leadership training services and the costs involved. The cost of leadership training in the department was reported as \$28 232.25 for 50 participants. The corrected amount is \$98 432.25 for 68 participants.

The department also provided an incorrect answer to a written question on notice from the Additional Estimates February 2014 hearing conducted by the Committee which I would also like to correct.

In response to question 171 on executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by the department and portfolio agencies, the department correctly reported on the executive coaching services purchased during the reporting period. The department incorrectly reported on the number of employees in the Department of Agriculture that utilised leadership training services and the costs involved. The reported amount for the department was \$137 793.25 for 214 participants. The corrected amount is \$223 593.25 for 243 participants.

I enclose a standalone copy of the corrected response for each of questions on notice 309 and 171.

Yours sincerely

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