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Ref:

Senator the Hon. Bill Heffernan  
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Senate Rural and Regional Affairs  
and Transport Legislation Committee  
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Heffernan

Having reviewed the proof Hansard of the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing conducted by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on Tuesday 20 October 2015, I wish to make the following correction:

The correction relates to my response to a question from the Chair. The relevant dialogue is on pages 146 of the proof Hansard:

**Ms Kennedy:** In terms of the 17 LGAs that are currently eligible, they are in Queensland and New South Wales; so Balonne, Barcaldine, Blackall-Tambo, Bulloo, Burke, Diamantina, Flinders, Longreach, McKinlay, Murweh, Paroo, Winton, Barcoo and Richmond in Queensland, and Brewarrina, Walgett and Coonamble in New South Wales. I understand that 23 proposals from seven of those councils have been received so far. Proposals from two of the LGAs have been approved. There is \$276,000 and \$354,000 for Bulloo and \$1.5 million, which is the total amount that you can be eligible for, for Balonne.

The correct response should read:

**Ms Kennedy:** In terms of the 17 LGAs that are currently eligible, they are in Queensland and New South Wales; so Balonne, Barcaldine, Blackall-Tambo, Bulloo, Burke, Diamantina, Flinders, Longreach, McKinlay, Murweh, Paroo, Winton, Barcoo and Richmond in Queensland, and Brewarrina, Walgett and Coonamble in New South Wales. I understand that 23 proposals from seven of those councils have been received so far. Proposals from two of the LGAs have been approved. **There is \$276,345 for Bulloo and \$1.5 million, which is the total amount that you can be eligible for, for Balonne.**

Thank you for the opportunity to review the transcript of the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing held on Tuesday 20 October 2015 and to provide clarification of my response.

Yours sincerely

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Assistance

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