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Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee  
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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 Senator Nick McKim. The relevant dialogue is on pages 147 of the proof Hansard:

**Mr Ruscoe:** The review of the Tasmanian RFA is underway. The review report or the implementation report was released on 12 June. We are currently working with the independent reviewer to finalise his independent review of the implementation of commitments under the RFA, and we expect to have that review report with us in November. We then have 15 sitting days of parliament to table that report, and we will then commence working on the joint government response. The future potential production forest, as you say, is within the Tasmanian RFA region. The RFA region is coast to coast and includes all the land in Tasmania

I mistakenly informed the committee that the implementation report was released on 12 June. In fact, the report was released on 17 April and the submission period closed on 12 June. The correct response should read:

The implementation report was released on 17 April.

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

Yours sincerely

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