



Australian Government
**Department of Agriculture
and Water Resources**

Senator Barry O'Sullivan
Chair
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Chair

At the February 2016 Additional Estimates hearing, Senator Joe Bullock requested the department provide a detailed breakdown of expenditure relating to meetings of the Agricultural Industry Advisory Council (AIAC) prior to each Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee hearing.

A summary of the details and costs for the nine AIAC meetings held to date were provided to the committee prior to the May 2016 hearing. Since then no meetings have taken place.

AIAC will reconvene on 6-7 October 2016. Details, including the costs associated with this meeting will be provided prior to the next Additional Estimates hearing in early 2017.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Melissa Brown'.

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