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Senator Barry O'Sullivan  
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Dear Senator

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 18 October 2016, I wish to make a correction.

The correction relates to a response by Ms Michelle Lauder to a question by Senator Rice. The relevant dialogue is on page 107 of the proof Hansard and relates to the review of the Western Australian Regional Forest Agreement:

**Senator RICE:** And then appointing the independent reviewer after that process?

**Ms Lauder:** Yes, that is exactly right, and then completing the review.

**Senator RICE:** So the expectation is that you would have the independent reviewer appointed early next year?

**Ms Lauder:** That is exactly right, yes.

Ms Lauder's correct response should read:

**Ms Lauder:** The independent reviewer, Mr Graham Wilkinson, has been appointed and a large proportion of his task will be undertaken following the completion of the public consultation phase.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the transcript of the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing.

Yours sincerely

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