



2 November 2016

Senator Barry O'Sullivan
Chair
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs
and Transport Legislation Committee
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Dear Senator O'Sullivan

Senate Hansard – factual corrections

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 the following corrections:

The first correction relates to my response to a question from Senator Back and follow-up question from Senator Sterle. The relevant dialogue is on page 47 of the proof Hansard:

***Ms Arthy:** In 2015-16, 48 people left the APVMA. Seven of those resigned, 19 transferred to other agencies, seven retired and 15 completed contracts. That is for 2015-16. So far this financial year, since 1 July, we have had 23 people leave the APVMA. Seven of those have resigned, eight people have transferred, two people have retired, five people completed their contracts and one person was terminated.*

***Senator Sterle:** So 48 people left in 2015-16.*

***Ms Arthy:** That is correct*

***Senator Sterle:** What was the other figure? I was still writing about retired.*

***Ms Arthy:** Twenty-three have left since 1 July this year.*

The figures provided for 2015-16 are correct. The figures provided for the number of people who have left the agency since 1 July 2016 are incorrect.

So far this financial year, 21 people have left the APVMA: seven of those have resigned, eight people have transferred, two people have retired, three people completed their contracts and one person was terminated.

The second correction relates to my response to a question regarding when relocation of the APVMA was raised with me. The relevant dialogue is on page 62 of the proof Hansard.

Ms Arthy: You are testing my memory about the exact date, because I have not got it in front of me, but from memory I think it was about April 2014. It was certainly in the first half of 2014.

The Minister for Agriculture Water and Resources wrote to me on 22 July 2014 about this issue of relocation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the transcript of the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing held on Tuesday, 18 October 2016.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Arthy', written in a cursive style.

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