



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

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

Dear Senator O'Sullivan

I have reviewed the Proof Committee Hansard of the Senate Estimates hearing conducted by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on Tuesday 18 October 2016 and I wish to make a correction.

The correction relates to my response to a question from Senator Back. The relevant dialogue is on page 81 of the Proof Committee Hansard:

Ms Canning: It would not be, in the sense that it is equity funding for the department. It comes through our balance sheet, but the changes in the resourcing overall for the staff-the FTEs associated with the programs would be included in that number.

The correct response clarifies that the loan facility is included in the \$2.75 billion

Ms Canning: The loan facility is included in the figure of \$2.75 billion as this is total funding from all sources including equity.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the transcript of the Senate Estimates, held on Tuesday 18 October 2016 and to clarify the department's response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Canning".

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