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Senator Anne McEwen
Chair
Senate Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Senator McEwen

SENATE ESTIMATES – CLARIFICATION OF HANSARD REFERENCES

Further to my appearance before the Senate Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee on 20 October 2008, I seek to provide additional points of clarification to the Committee regarding this Department's Digital Tracker contract.

On Monday 20 October 2008 (Hansard page ECA 72), I responded to Senator Minchin as follows:

Mr Townend: That contract is a three-year contract with a one-year extension.

Senator Minchin: And the 4.8 is for three years, so -

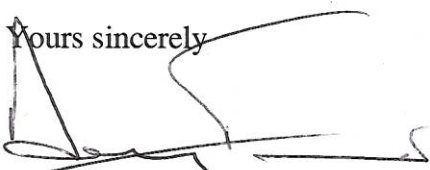
Mr Townend: It is over four years. We have costed it over four years.

I provide the following additional information on this matter by way of clarification:

The Digital Tracker is a 3 year contract with a one year extension option. This has been costed at \$4.8m (excluding GST). The contract also contains provision for two further options to extend for one year. These extensions are not costed at the moment and there is no obligation on the Department to extend the contract. Subject to available funding, the Department may elect to exercise these options to continue the contract through to the end of the switchover.

Please contact me should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely


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