



The Committee Secretary
 Standing Committee on Environment, Communications,
 Information Technology and the Arts
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Dear Secretary

I refer to the Proof Committee Hansard transcript of the Committee's Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing held in Canberra on 31 October 2006, attended by witnesses representing the Australian Sports Commission.

I seek to have two amendments made to the Hansard record:

- i) On page ECITA 12, Hansard records Senator Lundy asking: "*What percentage of deliverers – that is, at \$15 an hour – are teachers?*". In my response I stated: "*It is around one percent at the moment*". Following research on this matter, I wish to amend this response to "*It is around 19% at the moment*".
- ii) On page ECITA 28, the acronym "*NSA's*" is recorded. This should actually be "*NSOs*", which is an acronym for national sporting organisations.

I also seek to clarify two matters raised in answers given by myself as a witness:

- a) In response to a question from Senator Lundy (Hansard page ECITA 25) regarding access to funding through Project CONNECT, I answered "*No. It is for national sporting organisations under our mainstreaming policy.*" I also responded to Senator Lundy's further question on the same issue on pages ECITA 26-27, suggesting that the Disabled Surfers Association would be eligible for funding through Project CONNECT. To clarify any possible confusion regarding organisations that may be eligible for Project Connect funding, I would like to confirm that national sporting organisations and national sporting organisations for the disabled are eligible for Project CONNECT funding.
- b) During discussion and questions on the Active After-school Communities program I advised the Committee that the hourly rate of pay for deliverers in the Program was \$15 an hour (Hansard page ECITA 7). Senator Lundy asked a subsequent question (page ECITA 12) based on this answer. The figure of \$15 per hour was the basis for the development of the budget for the Active After-school Communities initiative. The final determination of the payment rate is made by each school or Out of School Hours Care Service based on the grant received and negotiation with the deliverer(s) at that site. The Commission does not set an hourly rate, and does not have data on the national average hourly payment.

I would be grateful if the Committee would consider these amendments and clarifications.

Yours sincerely

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