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Mr David Sullivan  
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Dear Mr Sullivan

I write to clarify evidence that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) gave at the Budget Estimate hearing held on 21 November 2013 concerning the Mining for Development Initiative.

In answer to a question from Senator Rhiannon (page 109 of Hansard 21 November 2013), Mr Blair Exell, First Assistant Secretary confirmed that the Mining for Development Initiative is in its second year. The Mining for Development Initiative commenced in October 2011. At the time of Estimates hearings, the Initiative had just concluded its second year of operations.

In answer to a question from Senator Rhiannon (page 109 of Hansard 21 November 2013), Mr Exell confirmed the bulk of the Mining for Development Initiative money goes to Murdoch University and Griffith University. This information was incorrect. Murdoch University and Griffith University, together, have been awarded \$2.3 million for research under the Mining for Development Initiative. The University of Western Australia and the University of Queensland, together, were awarded a grant of \$31 million for the establishment of the International Mining for Development Centre. The total allocated funding for the Mining for Development Initiative is \$127 million over four years from 2011-12 to 2014-15.

Yours sincerely

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