



Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Finance and Public Administration
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Dear Committee Secretary

It has come to our attention that there is an error in the tabled responses to the Additional Estimates (February 2012) Questions on Notice 72 'APS staff unplanned absences' and 74 'Absenteeism in the APS'.

The first column headed 'Absence Total' on pages 4-6 of the 6 page A3 Attachment is a repeat of the first column on pages 1-3. The 'Absence Total' for 2009-10 is correctly identified in Column 2 on pages 4-6 of the A3 Attachment.

This error has resulted from the automatic conversion of a very large Microsoft Excel spreadsheet to a pdf document. This has now been manually corrected. The revised Attachment to QON 72 and 74 is attached.

I apologise for any inconvenience.

Yours sincerely

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