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Mr Alistair Sands
Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration
Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Sands

**2006-07 Budget Estimate Hearings
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General**

In answer to a question from Senator the Honourable John Faulkner at the hearings on Monday 22 May 2006, I indicated that the value of artworks on loan to my Office from other organisations was of the order of \$15 million but that this did not include items on loan from *The Australiana Fund*.

Although I went on to indicate that there had been no significant change to the advice previously given to the Committee, I have found that the listed value of \$15 million does include the value of all art works on loan to the Office including those items from *The Australiana Fund*.

I apologise for my lack of clarity on this matter but I wanted to advise the Committee at the earliest possible opportunity of the correct situation.

I should be grateful if you would draw this letter to the attention of the Committee in due course, please.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm Hazell
Official Secretary to the Governor-General