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Parliament House
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Budget Estimates Hearings 21-22 May 2007: correction and clarification of evidence

Dear Mr Palethorpe

I would like to make a number of corrections and clarifications to responses provided at the Budget Estimates Hearings of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Administration on 21 May 2007.

Page 72 of the draft Hansard - Mr Harper provided a figure of \$127,000 for security guard services provided by Weslo for the Transport Ministers Meeting and Senior Officials Meeting II in Adelaide. This figure is incorrect. The actual cost to date is \$327,198.

Page 74 of the draft Hansard - I said in my answer to Senator Evans in relation to the carriage of firearms that applications to carry firearms by foreign security staff were made by third-person note through the Department of Foreign Affairs to the Attorney-General.

I would like to clarify that the process of an application by third-person note from economies to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is correct. The process is then that the Minister for Foreign Affairs considers the application on foreign policy grounds and the Attorney-General on security grounds. A joint position is then reached and the foreign mission/economy advised by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Page 76 of the draft Hansard - in relation to the closure of certain train stations. Senator Foreshaw asked "Obviously, trains will still be running through those stations, they will not just stop - is that the story?" I responded by saying "That is right". I would like to clarify this point. From Friday 7 to Sunday 9 September inclusive, Circular Quay, St James, Museum and Circular Quay stations will be closed. Central, Town Hall, Martin Place and Wynyard stations will continue to operate as normal during this period.

I am advised by NSW RailCorp that the following rail services will apply from Friday 7 September to Sunday 9 September 2007. Trains that would normally run via Circular Quay will either terminate at Central or run via Town Hall to the North Shore Line.

Sydney suburban services including those to the Sydney CBD

- On Friday 7 September 2007, a Saturday timetable will operate.
- On Saturday 8 September and Sunday 9 September 2007, a weekend timetable will operate.

Should you have any questions or require any clarification please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 8236 2601.

Yours sincerely



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