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## **Department of Finance and Deregulation**

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Dear Ms McDonald

## Correction:

I am writing to correct my response to a question asked during the Budget Estimates Hearing of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee, on Wednesday, 25 May 2011. Reference - page 88.

Senator Ryan sought advice concerning the nature of any direction within Government concerning the operation of the one-in/ one-out policy.

I advised that the current Secretary of the Department of Finance and Deregulation, Mr David Tune had issued a direction in the form of a Finance Circular.

I wish to correct this advice. The former Secretary of the Department, Dr Ian Watt, gave effect to the policy by issuing a Guidance Note to all portfolio Secretaries and to the heads of the Australian Taxation Office, the Australian Bureau of Statistics and Centrelink, setting out the requirements on 5 January 2009.

Yours sincerely

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