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Senator Glen Sterle
Chair
Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
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Dear Senator Sterle

Senate Estimates February 2011.

I write to clarify a statement made at the Estimates Hearings held on 22 February 2011.

The following excerpt appears in Hansard at page 4, lines 19-20, in relation to a question from Senator Colbeck regarding the role of the Coordinator-General, I stated:

'Many of those programs are now at their final stages; in fact, they should all be completed by the end of this financial year—so, by the end of June 2011, the programs will be delivered.'

Please be advised that while the vast majority of the Nation Building –Economic Stimulus Plan (NB-ESP) programs and projects will be completed by 30 June 2011, the programs within the NB-ESP have a range of different deadlines, including some that have always had longer deadlines beyond 30 June 2011. Social Housing – New Construction projects (which include the bulk of the 2.7% of projects not yet commenced) is scheduled to continue until 30 June 2012 and the small number of larger road, rail and university projects are scheduled to continue into the 2013-14 financial year.

I trust that this will remove any ambiguity.

Yours sincerely

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