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Senator Glenn Sterle
Chair
Senate Standing Committee on Rural
Affairs and Transport Legislation
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Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Sterle

Subject: Budget Estimates May 2011

I write regarding statements made at the Budget Estimates Hearings held on 25 May 2011.

At the time of the hearings, one of my responses to a question from Senator O'Brien may have been ambiguous. The excerpt appears in the Hansard as follows:

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During the hearings, Senator O'Brien stated:


"So you say it applies to cattle that is bred on mainland Australia and shipped to Tasmania as well as to those bred outside of Australia. That is the exclusion."

I responded: "That is right." This may have been ambiguous.

For clarity: Cattle bred on the mainland are eligible under the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme. Cattle bred overseas are excluded.

I apologise for the ambiguity and trust this will clarify the matter raised.

Yours sincerely


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