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Senate Standing Committee on Rural Affairs and Transport
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Dear Ms Radcliffe

During the preparation of the response to Question on Notice SRM 11 arising from the Additional Estimates of February 2011, the department has determined that the response to Question on Notice SRM 07 from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in October 2010, about fisheries staff and budget numbers was inaccurate.

A revised answer to Question on Notice SRM 07 for the Supplementary Budget Estimates for October 2010 is enclosed for the consideration of the committee. The revised answer updates question two and three only. Previously this answer included a mixture of FTEs being represented in different formats in the same table. The number of FTEs provided in the updated answers all represent the revised budgeted.

The 46 FTEs originally reported for 2007-08 financial year reflected the FTEs for occupied positions and did not account for the FTEs of vacant budgeted positions within the fisheries branch. Similarly, the 52 FTEs originally reported for 2008-09 financial year has been corrected based on the revised budget for that financial year. The amended answers in revised budgeted FTE amounts are 54.39 for the 2007-08 financial year and 49 for the 2008-09 financial year.

The \$4 344 738 budget figure for 2009-10 financial year in this same table was also incorrect. This figure was not updated from the previous correct response, Question on Notice SRM 06 from Budget Estimates of May 2010, when the amount represented the budget for May year-to-date. The full year-to-date budget for the 2009-10 financial year has been updated to \$4 888 418.

The department regrets any inconvenience that might have been caused by the errors in the previous response. It would be appreciated if this correction could be brought to the attention of the committee members.

Yours sincerely

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