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Dear Senator Sterle

Having reviewed the transcript of the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing conducted by the Senate Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on 20 October 2010, I would like to make corrections to the following responses:

The first correction relates to an answer provided by Ms Freeman in response to a question asked by Senator Ian Macdonald, which can be found on pages 12 and 13 of the Hansard proof:

Senator Ian Macdonald – To where? To the minister?

Ms Freeman – To the minister.

Senator Ludwig – To my office.

Senator Ian Macdonald – And came back to you when?

Ms Freeman – Well, a fair bit of toing and froing goes on about various responses. Then they were provided and then forwarded to the committee.

Senator Ludwig – And they were then provided in a bundle back on the

Ms Freeman – Yes. On 14 October.

The response should read:

Ms Freeman – Yes. On 12 October.

The second correction relates to an answer provided by Dr Grant in response to a question asked by Senator Back, which can be found on page 114 of the Hansard proof:

Dr Grant—The IRA process commenced on 8 March and, as you are probably aware, we started doing IRAs on the United States, Canada and Japan on, I think, 4 May. We stopped the clock in respect to Japan because of an FMD outbreak in Japan.

The response should read:

Dr Grant—The IRA process commenced on 8 April and, as you are probably aware, we started doing IRAs on the United States, Canada and Japan. We stopped the clock in respect to Japan on the 10 May because of an FMD outbreak in Japan.

The third correction relates to an answer provided by Mr McDonald in relation to a question by Senator Ian MacDonald which can be found on page 29 of the proof Hansard:

Mr McDonald—There are currently 23 farm families in receipt of the income support payment and there are a further 10 farm businesses that have had their applications approved for the interest rate subsidy.

The response should read:

Mr McDonald—There are currently 13 farm families in receipt of the income support payment and there are 5 farm businesses that have had their applications approved for the interest rate subsidy.

Please bring this additional information to the attention of the members of the committee. I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 6272 3035.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Bie".

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