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Senator Glenn Sterle Chair Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Suite SG - 62 Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

Subject:

Supplementary Budget Estimates October 2010

I write regarding statements made at the Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings held on 21 October 2010.

At the time of the hearings information was unintentionally given that may be ambiguous. The excerpts appear in the Hansard as follows:

Date: Thursday, 21 October 2010

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In response to a question from Senator Ian MacDonald regarding current Nation Building Program commitments (lines 13-29) I provide the following correction:

'Senator, all of the state and territory commitments under the Investment and Off-network Programs are under the memoranda of understanding.

The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport advises the states and territories of their program of works and funding allocations for the Nation Building Black Spot Program and the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program.

Allocations under the Roads to Recovery program are determined by the Minister under requirements of the Nation Building Program (National Land Transport) Act 2009.

The Untied Local Road Grants are paid under the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995.

All the above mentioned information is available on the departmental website'.

I apologise for the inaccuracy and trust this will remove any ambiguity.

Yours Sincerely

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