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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 Page: 46, lines 2-8 and lines 16-28

In response to a question from Senator Ian MacDonald regarding Gold Coast Rail (lines 2-8) I provide the following clarification:

'Original timing of the Gold Coast project envisaged testing of the corridor in September 2013 with services commencing in January 2014. A delay in finalising the funding arrangements between the three tiers of government has delayed the commencement of procurement processes and has pushed the delivery schedule out. Corridor testing is now scheduled to commence May/June 2014 with services commencing September 2014. The project is currently on track in relation to this current project delivery schedule'.

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

Yours Sincerely

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