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Dear Senator Sterle

Having reviewed the transcript of the Additional Estimates hearing conducted by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on Monday, 11 February 2013, I would like to make the following correction.

The correction relates to my response to a question by Senator Heffernan. The relevant dialogue is on page 94 of the proof Hansard:

Senator HEFFERNAN: Could you name the person on the panel? I have asked you to and you have not.

Mr Thompson: Yes. It was Paul McNamara.

I wish to highlight to the committee that I mistakenly stated the incorrect name of the DAFF person on the assessment panel for an application under the Environmental Stewardship Program. The correct response should read:

Mr Thompson: Yes. It was Mr Tony Bartlett.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the transcript of the Additional Estimates hearing on Monday, 11 February 2013 and to provide clarification on the above point.

Yours sincerely

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