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Dear Committee Chair

On Tuesday 12 February 2013, I appeared before the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee estimates hearing. At this hearing I was asked by Senator Chris Back whether the government of Norfolk Island had presented a model of self-governance to the Australian Government. On reviewing the Hansard today, I indicated that a formal proposal hadn't been presented by the Norfolk Island Government.

I would like to formally clarify this statement. The Norfolk Island Government did provide a 'Preferred Model for Territory Self Governance' on 6 July 2011 to the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government.

I apologise for any confusion caused by the Hansard statement and note that my department continues to work cooperatively with officials on Norfolk Island as we jointly work through reforms aimed at improving the outcomes for the Norfolk Island community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'G. A. Beauchamp'.

Glenys Beauchamp

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