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Mrs Rosemary Menkens MP  
Member for Burdekin  
Chair, Education and Innovation Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mrs Menkens

Thank you for considering the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts at the parliamentary estimates committee hearing on 17 July 2014.

As the transcript from the hearing won't be available until the end of next week, my department has proactively reviewed the video recordings of the hearing sessions, and I would like to clarify a few statements made.

**Session 1 – Science and Innovation**

With regard to the *Gene Technology Act 2001*, "my department is presently working on that legislation and that will be brought to the Parliament I think later this year" should have been "my department will be seeking approval to prepare this legislation later this year".

**Session 2 – Arts**

With regard to the Innovation Hub weekend, "there have, I believe, been approximately 40 teams selected for that process" should have been "approximately 30 teams have been selected."

**Session 3 - ICT and Shared Services**

With regard to the GWN budget, "the amount being spent on the GWN in 2014-15 is \$61.6 million" should have been "the amount being spent on the GWN in 2014-15 is \$71.3 million".

Explanation:

- The figure quoted for the 2014-15 budget was \$61.6 million, which is actually the Telstra managed service payment total for 2014-15.
- The total 2014-15 budget for the GWN is \$71.3 million, which includes the Telstra services payments, GWN Implementation Program costs, and GWN Contract Directorate operation costs.

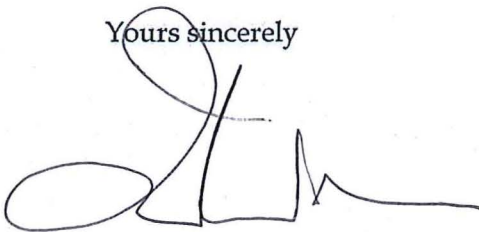
With regard to GWN expenditure, "total expenditure for 2013-14 is \$20.17 million" should have been "total expenditure for 2013-14 is \$15.68 million".

Explanation:

- The figure quoted for 2013-14 was \$20.17 million, which is the original budget forecast. Estimated actual expenditure for 2013-14 is \$15.68 million which is included in the figure of \$80.604 million as detailed on page 6 of the SDS.

If you require any further information, please contact my Chief of Staff, Ms Diane Balke by email at [diane.balke@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:diane.balke@ministerial.qld.gov.au) or on telephone 07 3719 7465.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ian Walker', written over a horizontal line.

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