

Finance and Administration Committee
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Department of the
Premier and Cabinet

To the Finance and Administration Committee

I refer to the Estimates Committee transcript proof for the Finance and Administration Committee hearing of 18 August 2015.

I note that clarification of some corrections is required on the following pages within the transcript:

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Transcript. The Premier was quoted as saying "...infrastructure investment program worth \$35 billion over the next four years."

Proposed correction. "...infrastructure investment program worth \$35.4 billion over the next four years."

Reasoning. This statement references page 16 of Budget Paper 2, which reads: "Over the period 2015-16 to 2018-19, purchases of non-financial assets in the NFP Sector of \$35.4 billion are planned." The inaccurate reference made by the Premier to \$35 billion should be read as corrected to \$35.4 billion.

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Transcript. The Premier was quoted as saying "That investment includes the trial of a specialist domestic and family violence Magistrates Court..."

Proposed clarification. The budget allocation for the expansion of the domestic and family violence duty lawyer service is not part of the \$31.3 million commitment, but rather an additional, separate budget commitment of \$1.1 million to Legal Aid Queensland to administer the expansion (as detailed on page 6 of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General Service Delivery Statement). This distinction is appropriately made by the Premier on page 43 in a response to a question from Mr Pegg and should be read in this instance in that light.

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Transcript. The Premier was quoted as saying "... we will invest \$34.5 billion in infrastructure over the next four years."

Proposed correction. "... we will invest \$35.4 billion in infrastructure over the next four years."

Reasoning. This statement references page 16 of Budget Paper 2, which reads: "Over the period 2015-16 to 2018-19, purchases of non-financial assets in the NFP Sector of \$35.4 billion are planned." The inaccurate reference made by the Premier to \$34.5 billion should be read as corrected to \$35.4 billion.

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Transcript. The Premier was quoted as saying "...the total police expenditure in 2015-16 is \$2.05 billion."

Proposed correction. "... the total police expenditure in 2015-16 is \$2.085 billion."

Reasoning. According to page 18 of the Service Delivery Statement for the Queensland Police Service, the total expenditure in 2015-16 is \$2.085 billion. The inaccurate reference made by the Premier to the figure \$2.05 billion should be read as corrected to \$2.085 billion.

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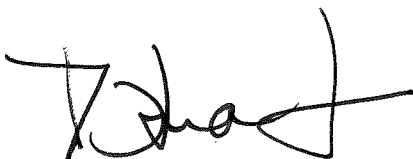
Transcript. The Premier is quoted as saying "They are not going to be called the Premier's Literary Awards. There is an organisation that has been set up and we will provide the funding to that organisation. The funding includes up to \$125,000..."

Proposed correction. "They are not going to be called the Premier's Literary Awards. We will provide the funding to the State Library of Queensland, including up to \$125,000..."

Reasoning. When the former government discontinued funding to the Premier's Literary Awards in 2012, the Queensland writing community established the voluntary, not-for-profit company The Queensland Literary Awards Inc (QLA), enabling continued delivery of the awards annually. In 2014, the management of the Queensland Literary Awards transferred from QLA to the State Library of Queensland (SLQ). While SLQ takes a leadership role in delivering the QLA program, the aim is to continue to build on the existing collaborative model between community and writing sector partners. The ongoing development of the QLA program will be undertaken in consultation with an advisory group made up of key industry and stakeholder representatives.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Ms Libby Gregoric on Libby.Gregoric@Premiers.qld.gov.au or telephone 07 3003 9390.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Stewart', with a stylized, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Dave Stewart
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