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Chair
Health and Environment Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Harper

Aaron

I write to you regarding the Estimates Hearing for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Science and Youth Affairs portfolio on 10 December 2020, by the Health and Environment Committee. Upon reviewing the Hansard Proof from the Hearing, I have identified the following error and I wish to correct the record:

The below clarification relates to the transcript on page 57 of the Hansard Proof in relation to a question from **Mr ANDREW** regarding how much is being spent on reef health in terms of the crown of thorns starfish.

Attributable to myself (**MS SCANLON**):

*"I might ask the executive director of the Office of the Great Barrier Reef to talk in more detail about that. I should add that we have **spent \$500 million** on the reef. There has been significant investment to answer that part of your question."*

I misspoke during the hearing and the reference to "**spent \$500 million**" should be corrected to "**allocated over \$400 million**".

It would be appreciated if the final Hansard transcript could be amended to include the correct reference.

If you require any further information, please contact my Chief of Staff, Ms Hannah Jackson, on telephone [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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