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Dear Bernice

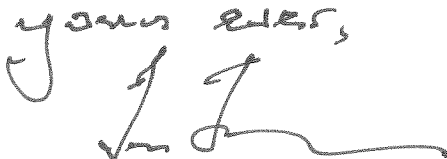
I am writing further to my letter to you on 18 July, itself written further to Mr Nicholls' question at the estimates hearing on 15 July in regard to the Trade and Investment Queensland LA office lease.

I have looked further into the matter to consider whether my answer to Mr Nicholls should be revised, in light of information not seen by me at the time I gave it.

On the basis of the material I have now seen, I am pleased to say that the Public record supports the reply I gave at the time.

I should add that one of the emails later published by the Courier Mail on this topic (dated 18 August to David Hardy from Mr Beattie headed "RE: Lease options" and beginning "PS David.") cannot be located in the public record, so far as can be determined.

The records I have seen also show internal debate within Trade Queensland at the time the lease was being renegotiated as to how to find resources within the existing budget for a modest Latin American presence. Uniformly, these exchanges assume a continued substantial presence in Los Angeles, including Australia-based staff.

Yours sincerely,


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