

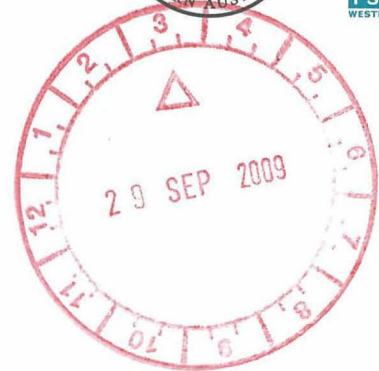
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Dear Ms Jewell

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL 2009/10 BUDGET ESTIMATES ONGOING HEARINGS

Thank you for the opportunity to review and correct the Hansard transcript relating to the Rottnest Island Authority Budget Estimates Hearing conducted 7 September 2009.

The following corrections and clarifications are provided in relation to the transcript:

Page 2

The refurbishment program referred to by Mr Amaranti on page 2 of the transcript in response to the question by the Hon Lynn MacLaren is not a five year program as stated.

The refurbishment program is a 10 year program and is based on a financial provision for major refurbishments of \$1.5 million per annum, to provide the estimated \$15 million required for major refurbishments of the RIA's accommodation inventory. An annual planned maintenance program valued at \$0.5 million is also a key focus of the Authority's refurbishment strategy.

Page 5

Mr Amaranti stated on page 5 that "The ballot is run independent of the authority. An external firm runs the ballot randomly through a computer process". This is incorrect. The ballot selection process has been developed by an external party to randomly allocate accommodation and is executed by an automated computer program. RIA staff are unable to influence the ballot allocation process.

Page 7

On page 7, Mr O'Meara indicates that there are "something of the order of 3 500 beds on the island". The actual number of fixed beds on Rottnest Island is 1,927. The RIA also has a policy whereby this number may be increased through the use of folda beds etc.

Page 11

Mr Amaranti indicates on page 11 that "We have 310 villas and at any given time we may have up to 10 offline". The RIA's accommodation inventory includes 296 villas, not 310 as stated.

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In response to the Hon Ljiljana Ravlich's question relating to "how much the fee increases will generate on an annual basis?" on page 12, Mr Amaranti responded "Around \$2.3 million annually" on page 13. This is incorrect. The fee increases are expected to generate an additional \$1.5 million annually.

Page 13

Mr Amaranti's response at the bottom of page 13 contains a typographical error in the word "ensue". The correct word is "ensure".

Should you require further clarification in relation to the Hansard transcript, please don't hesitate in contacting me on 9432 9352.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Ellson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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