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Dear Chair

I write to you in regards to the answer for Supplementary Information B1 asked by the Hon Nick Goiran in Session 2 Department of Water and Environmental Regulation on the 22nd June 2022. The question was *“What are the ministerial statements that have not been audited in the current financial year?”*

In supplying an answer during that session, the Hon Stephen Dawson stated that *“I am advised that the agency tries to undertake 60 audits of ministerial statements per annum. This year, it will only undertake 50. In terms of the 10 that will not take place, we will have to see what we can provide by way of supplementary”*. This is incorrect, as the supplementary information provided states that DWER had completed 33 Ministerial Statement audits.

The other issue I wish to bring to your attention is the attached list of Ministerial Statements that were planned but not audited in 2021-22. I ask that this document not be made public, as it would notify the proponents listed of the Departments intent to audit.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Reece Whitby'.

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