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Dear Mr McCullough

CORRECTION TO WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AUGUST 2012 SUBMISSION

I am writing to put on the public record a correction to Western Australia's August 2012 submission.

As advised earlier this month, in the course of checking and documenting the figures quoted in the table on page 16 of that submission (entitled 'Estimated Western Australian Needs Unrecognised by the Current HFE Assessments') we discovered an error.

The unrecognised cost of high labour demand and accommodation shortages in Western Australia's remote areas is estimated at \$315 million per annum, not \$40 million per annum. This brings the total unrecognised needs in the table to \$1,885 million per annum.

I understand that my staff have already e-mailed you details of the derivation of the \$315 million estimate. For completeness, details of the derivation of each of the other components of the \$1,885 million will also be e-mailed to you, in a consolidated document.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy Marney'.

Timothy Marney
UNDER TREASURER

26 October 2012