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Dear Mr Smyth

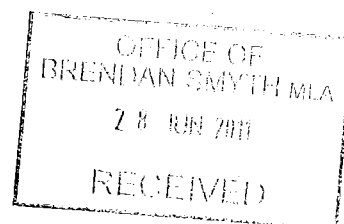
Budget Estimates Hearings 30 May 2011

I am writing to clarify a statement I made in Budget Estimates Hearings on 30 May 2011.

On page 1463 of the Proof Hansard transcript you asked when the final Centenary program would be available. I stated that "...the intention is to make some announcements on the 99th birthday of the city; that is next March. A full-blown program will be released a little bit later in the year than that." You then asked (page 1464) if the announcements would be the full calendar and would be out on Canberra Day next year. I answered 'Correct'.

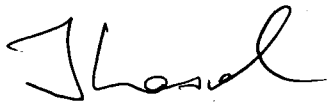
To clarify the record, in March 2012, it is the government's intention to announce the highlights of the Centenary program to the general public. It is proposed that the government release the full program to the public later in 2012.

With confirmation of the Federal Government's investment in the program, the Centenary Unit will now contract some major national components of the Centenary program. The detail of the program will continue to develop through until Spring 2012. This allows maximum time to fully engage with the local and national community to add breadth and depth to the program in line with the vision and goals of the Centenary of Canberra.



I would like to further clarify that this relates to the *public* release of information and that key stakeholders are being briefed on the program detail as required.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Lasek', written in a cursive style.

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