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Ms Mary Porter MLA
Chair
Standing Committee of Planning, Public Works and Territory and Municipal Services
ACT Legislative Assembly
Canberra City ACT 2601

Dear Ms Porter *Mary*

I am writing in relation to the recent Annual Report Hearings held on 1 November 2011 where I and officers from the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate appeared before the Committee.

During the hearings several questions were asked in relation to additional funding provided to the RSPCA. The information I was provided indicated that an additional payment of \$150 000 over and above their base funding of \$420 000 had been made in the financial year 2010-11.

The Executive Director of Parks and City Services Division confirmed this advice by indicating that at the request of the RSPCA, an additional amount of \$150,000 was provided in the 2010-11 financial year, although she indicated she was uncertain of the date when this payment was made. I accepted this advice and was not provided any information to the contrary.

I have now been advised that the Executive Director made an error in her advice and had confused this advice with the payment of substantial additional funding of \$300 000 paid on 25 June 2009 to the RSPCA, as reflected as revenue in the RSPCA Annual Report 2009/10.

I also advised that there was a 26% increase in the cash payment contribution. This was incorrect. It is almost a 36% increase in the cash payment.

I would like to offer the committee an apology for any confusion or concern raised by this incident and error.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Territory and Municipal Services

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