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Director – Budget Estimates Secretariat
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Director

Please find following additional information for the budget estimates hearing for the Transport and Roads portfolio held on Thursday, 25 February 2021.

The uncorrected transcript contains the following statement on page 62:

Ms DROVER: As I mentioned, since 2016 the regulatory, or the legislation, requirements have changed. Transport's process now is that we try and get the offsets as soon as possible, and in fact we support any offset requirements being included in conditions of approval, and that ensures we can better monitor compliance with offsetting requirements. I am aware that there are no outstanding biodiversity offsets at the moment.

Transport for NSW wishes to clarify that the response in relation to the questions about outstanding biodiversity offsets was based on advice provided on the day of the hearing and was accurate for the M7. The advice for offsets beyond the M7 project has subsequently been reviewed and verified, and biodiversity offset packages approved between 2012 and 2020 for major projects are continuing to be implemented. The process for acquitting these offsets is consistent with the regulatory framework for biodiversity offsets.

Yours sincerely

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