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Hon Alanna Clohessy MLC
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Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations

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Dear Ms Clohessy

***STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS
– 2020-21 BUDGET ESTIMATES AND 2019-20 ANNUAL REPORTS –
SESSION THREE – DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL
REGULATION – 18 NOVEMBER 2020***

Thank you for your email dated 19 November 2020 providing me with the transcript of evidence taken at Perth, Wednesday, 18 November 2020 (Session Three) of the 2020-21 Budget Estimates and 2019-20 Annual Reports.

In reviewing the Hansard transcript, on page 21, it is apparent that the responses of Ms Sarah McEvoy and the Minister for Environment refer entirely to the financial assistance package under the loan to WA Return Renew Recycle Limited, while the question of Hon Tjorn Sibma MLC refers to both the loan and to the Community Grants program.

The Container Deposit Scheme Community Grants program was a State Government initiative administered by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. It provided up to \$2000 to incorporated, not-for-profit organisations as well as unincorporated organisations, schools or community groups applying through the auspices of an incorporated body or local government for infrastructure used at donation or refund points. More than \$200,000 was awarded to 138 organisations. A total of \$126,000 was paid in 2019-20.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this advice.

Yours sincerely

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