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Dear Chairman

During the examination of the Major Projects portfolio yesterday, 14 May 2013, the Deputy Chair, Mr Martin Pakula MP, asked, in relation to the Melbourne Markets, about the take up for the flower ballot.

I checked on my return with the Department and can advise that, contrary to the assertion in the question, that all eligible businesses have indicated that they will participate in the ballot to be held on Friday 17 May 2013. In fact at the time that Mr Pakula raised this matter 64 out of the 68 eligible businesses had signed the necessary paperwork to be involved in the ballot.

It would appear to me that Mr Pakula had been given erroneous information on which he based this question.

I would be grateful if you would table this letter for the information of the Committee at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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