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The Editor
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Dear Editor,

Your articles today 'Air salaries up and Houston pushed to clarify \$4m blowout' (Monday 15 June 2015) and headlines contained serious inaccuracies in reference to executive remuneration.

Any assertion that salaries for Airservices senior executives rose by more than 40 per cent is not correct and your journalist was advised of this prior to publication. It is also incorrect to suggest there was a "\$4m blowout" in executive salaries.

As we advised, the average remuneration increase for our senior executives was 2.25 per cent between 2012-13 and 2013-14.

We also advised prior to publication that during the two-year period in question, there were several changes to the composition of the Executive and it is not accurate to do a simple dollar comparison from year to year. This includes partial year data for new members of the Executive in 2012-13, while the 2013-14 remuneration data includes one-off entitlements such as accrued leave and long service leave paid to a departing long-serving member of staff in 2013-14.

Reporting in this way is false and misleading and we request a correction be published as soon as possible.

Airservices reports all executive salaries in line with government legislation through our Annual Reports. Airservices has demonstrated its commitment to financial restraint by implementing an Executive pay freeze for the 2014-15 financial year, which is still in place for the upcoming 2015-16 financial year. This wage restraint extends to all members of the senior leadership team who report to the Executive.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mairi Barton".

Mairi Barton
Executive General Manager
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