

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Economics
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary,

This letter is to clarify information provided at the ATO's appearance before the Economics Legislation Committee on 20 February 2019. Refer to information provided on page 58 and 66 of the Hansard.

1. In response to Senator Ketter's questions relating to the ATO office in Gosford, the Commissioner stated that for 2019 the ATO took on 220 new graduates around Australia. I (Bradley Chapman) would like to note a correction for the record that for 2019 the ATO took on 179 graduates across Australia.
2. I (Bradley Chapman) would also like to note that in response to Senator Ketter's question relating to how many jobs in the Gosford office were casual, full-time or part-time, I responded that 38 are non-ongoing. I would like to note a correction for the record that 38 are 'non-permanent' positions, comprising of non-ongoing and external staff.
3. In response to Senator Patrick's questions relating to the transparency business tax measure, I (Robert Ravello) stated that the proposed parameters for the legislation are that it would be companies – not individuals, partners or trusts. I would like to note a correction for the record that under the ATO's phased implementation approach, only companies will initially be reported. This will provide additional time for other entities to become aware of the new measure, recognising the impact of reporting on business activities and personal affairs. Gradually, implementation will be expanded to other entities such as partnerships, trusts and sole traders. The measure does not apply to individuals who do not have an Australian Business Number.

Yours sincerely



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