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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Dear Committee Secretary

Clarification to Hansard – Additional Estimates hearing on Tuesday, 15 February 2022

I write to provide a clarification to evidence I gave to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs during the Additional Estimates hearing on Tuesday, 15 February 2022.

On page 34 of the transcript, in relation to expenditure under the *Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017* (Regulations) for legal assistance approved for the Hon Alan Tudge MP on 22 October 2020, Senator Watt asked:

Senator Watt: How much has legal representation for Mr Tudge cost the taxpayer so far?

In response to Senator Watt's question, I said:

Ms Orr: There has been nil expenditure in relation to that approval.

I wish to clarify that the total expenditure to date for the approval under the Regulations for Minister Tudge dated 20 October 2020 is \$1,595 (excluding GST, rounded to the nearest dollar). In accordance with section 94(b) of the Regulations, this expenditure was included in the 2020-21 consolidated statement of expenditure, tabled in Parliament on 2 September 2021.

The action officer for this matter is _____ who can be contacted on _____

Yours sincerely

Dianne Orr

 February 2022