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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 13 February 2024

I am writing to clarify evidence I provided to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs during the Additional Estimates hearing on 13 February 2024.

On page 97 of the transcript, in response to a question from Senator Shoebridge regarding the status of second stage whistleblowing reforms, I said:

Mr Newnham: You'd be aware of the consultation paper that was released last year for a bit under six weeks. You'd be aware that somewhere in the vicinity of 56 submissions have been lodged in relation to the consultation paper. To break that down, there are eight from government agencies, 19 from individuals and 28 from organisations—professional bodies, academia et cetera.

The number of submissions attributed to government agencies was incorrect. The correct figure for submissions received from government agencies, as at 13 February 2024, was nine.

Yours sincerely

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