



21 February 2024

Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary

**Clarification to Hansard – Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee Senate
Additional Estimates Hearing**

I am writing to correct evidence I provided to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee Senate Additional Estimates hearing for the Attorney-General's Department on 13 February 2024.

On page 59 of the transcript, in response to a question from Senator Nampijinpa Price regarding when the department became aware that the North Australia Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) would cease taking new criminal matters in Alice Springs, I said:

Ms Bogaart: I understand it was on 20 November that NAAJA wrote to the Northern Territory government to advise that it would need to cease new clients in Alice Springs.

I wish to clarify that the department was sent an email on 14 November 2023 from the Northern Territory Government, attaching a letter from NAAJA dated 14 November 2023, advising that services to new clients in Alice Springs would be suspended from 20 November 2023.

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

Yours sincerely

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