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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 94 of the transcript, in response to a question from Senator McKenzie about the *Brett Cattle* class action, I said:

Ms Haigh: The facts of every litigated matter are different, of course. While I understand that may well be a source of frustration to the group members, I note that specific orders have been made to progress the issue of quantum. The Commonwealth is required to file its expert evidence on this issue on or before 24 March. There will be an opportunity for the applicants to file their evidence on 24 May. The court has previously indicated that there will be a hearing on the issue of quantum, where these issues can be ventilated before the court. The date for the hearing is yet to be set.

I wish to clarify that the Commonwealth is required to file its expert evidence by 22 March 2024.

Yours sincerely

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