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Mr Timothy Watling  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
PO Box 6100  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Watling,

#### **Clarification to Hansard**

My office has identified some minor errors in evidence given by me to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs during the Budget Estimates hearing on 24 May 2018.

On pages 35 and 36 of the transcript, in an exchange with Senator Watt about the number of referrals to the Commercial, Financial and Corruption Practice Group, I stated:

**Ms McNaughton:** For 2015-16, we've had 92 matters referred and have 151 on hand at the end of that year.

**and**

**Ms McNaughton:** For the 2016-17 year, 157 new referrals and 257 on hand. For 2017-18 to date, 125 new referrals and 260 on hand as at the moment, but obviously the year is not over yet.

The numbers of matters on hand at the end of each year were incorrect. The correct numbers are:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Referrals</b>	<b>Matters on Hand</b>
2015-16	92	198 (as at 30 June 2016)
2016-17	157	260 (as at 30 June 2017)
2017-18	125	268 (as at 24 May 2018)

I apologise for any inconvenience caused by these minor errors given in evidence during the hearing.

Yours sincerely

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Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions