



Administrative
Appeals Tribunal

Office of the Registrar
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Senator Nita Green
Chair
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Chair

I write to clarify evidence I provided at the Senate Estimates hearing of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 14 February 2023.

On page 118 of the Hansard proof (14 February 2023) Senator Shoebridge asked who had seen a confidential report, other than the AAT President, regarding complaints made by AAT Member Michael Manetta. I provided the following evidence:

“The President has seen it and, in the course of providing the answer to you, I have also seen it”.

I am clarifying my evidence to confirm that in addition to the former President and myself, four other AAT staff members have seen the report in the course of their duties, and in the course of preparation of responses to the question on notice. The staff members include the Chief Legal Officer, the Executive Advisor to the former President, the Executive Officer to the former President, and the Executive Advisor to the Registrar.

Further, on page 118 of the Hansard proof, Senator Shoebridge asked whether the report had been provided to Member Manetta. I provided the following evidence:

“It has not been”.

I am clarifying my evidence to confirm that Member Manetta and the other parties to the process received the Executive Summary of the report but have not received the report in full.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Hawkins AM
Registrar