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Australian Public Service Commission

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Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
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Dear Senator Paterson

I am writing to you in relation to the testimony I provided to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee when I appeared before it on 22 May 2017. The relevant material is at page 102 of the draft transcript and concerns the number of employees of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) who had been suspended in relation to the alleged misconduct of ATO Deputy Commissioner Michael Cranston.

In my testimony I advised the Committee that a small number of ATO employees had been suspended from duty pending investigation, and confirmed that this included three Senior Executive Service (SES) employees who had been named publicly. In response to a follow up question from Senator McAllister I indicated that the number of employees suspended may have extended beyond those three employees but that I did not have those details.

Having reviewed the advice that I received from the ATO prior to my appearance, I wish to clarify my testimony. I did not have any further detail with me at the time, but the ATO advice had noted that two non-SES employees had also been suspended in connection with this matter, and that these two officers were not the subject of a Code of Conduct investigation.

Yours sincerely

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