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**Families and Legal System Division**

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

Dear Committee Secretary

**Clarifications to Hansard**

I write to you to provide a clarification to evidence I provided to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs during the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing held on Tuesday 22 October 2019.

Evidence of Ms Alex Mathews, Assistant Secretary, Family Safety Branch

On page 126 of the transcript, in exchanges with Senator Carr, I stated:

**Ms Mathews:** [The Family Advocacy and Support Service (FASS) is] currently in all family law court registries throughout the country and in some circuit court locations.

I wish to clarify that the FASS operates in all permanent family law court registries with a permanent judicial presence, except for Rockhampton. The FASS also operates in some locations serviced by a Federal Circuit Court of Australia circuit, and in the Northern Territory Local Court.

The full list of FASS locations is as follows:

- NSW: Sydney family law court registry, Parramatta family law court registry, Newcastle family law court registry, Wollongong family law court registry
- Vic: Melbourne family law court registry, Dandenong family law court registry
- Qld: Brisbane family law court registry, Cairns family law court registry, Townsville family law court registry
- SA: Adelaide family law court registry, Federal Circuit Court Mt Gambier circuit
- Tas: Hobart family law court registry, Launceston family law court registry, Federal Circuit Court Burnie circuit
- NT: Darwin family law court registry, NT Local Court Darwin, NT Local Court Katherine
- ACT: Canberra family law court registry
- WA: Family Court of Western Australia Perth registry, Albany country circuit, Broome country circuit, Bunbury country circuit, Geraldton country circuit, and Kalgoorlie country circuit

Yours sincerely

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