

Kenja Communication 19/21 Mary St Surry Hills 2010

Senator Wendy Askew
Chair
Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs
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Cc Committee Secretary

Cc Senator Malarndirri McCarthy

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Dear Senator Askew,

I draw your attention to an error of fact in the transcript of proceedings for your Committee's Senate Estimates hearing of Wednesday 28 October 2020.

On page 119 of Hansard on 28 October 2020, Senator McCarthy asked a question as detailed below:

Senator McCARTHY: Okay. The institutions named by the Prime Minister in his speech to the parliament last week were named in the royal commission years ago, so why has no action been taken to withdraw their charitable status, at least?

I represent Kenja Communication, one of the groups chosen to be named by the Prime Minister in the speech, as mentioned.

The question put by Senator McCarthy wrongly states that we (Kenja) were named in the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

In fact Kenja was neither named nor considered in the Royal Commission.

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This error of fact was not corrected in the flow of evidence which followed. This is a matter of concern to us, so I would appreciate your advice as to whether this error of fact can be corrected in Hansard.

Regards,

Jan Hamilton