



Australian Government
**Department of Industry, Science,
Energy and Resources**

Senator Andrew Bragg
Chair
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Bragg

On reviewing the Proof Hansard of the testimony given by the department at the Senate Estimates hearing on 14 February 2022, we find that some of the information provided to the Committee would benefit from clarification and correction.

The following exchange occurred between Senator McAllister and Ms Helen Bennett, Head of Division, Strategic Policy Division:

Senator McALLISTER: There was a culturally and linguistically diverse audience communications contract being pursued through Embrace Society.

Ms Bennett: That's correct.

Senator McALLISTER: Is that being extended?

Ms Bennett: That will be extended as well, but again we haven't negotiated the contract as yet. The value is to be determined.

The response that the contract had not been negotiated at the time of the hearing was incorrect. A revised contract with Embrace Society relating to culturally and linguistically diverse audiences was extended on 10 February 2022. The value of Phase 2 services delivered by Embrace Society is \$231,000 (GST inclusive), bringing the total value of the contract to \$431,183 (GST inclusive).

This error occurred as I had been provided with information published on AusTender, which had not been updated to include details of the finalised contract at the time of the hearing.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused and ask that you alert other members of the Committee to this correction.

Yours sincerely

Helen Bennett
Head of Division
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