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Dear Mr Fitt

**Budget Senate Estimates Hearing 2 June 2021, Economics Legislation Committee, Australian Bureau of Statistics
Correction to Hansard Record – Page 110 to 111**

At the above noted Budget Senate Estimates Hearing on 2 June 2021 I provided the following evidence:

Senator McALLISTER: *I want to ask some fiscal questions about the operation of the budget. The women's budget statement on pages 83 to 85 of BP 2 includes an initiative which reads as follows:*

· \$30.0 million for Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety and the Australian Bureau of Statistics to continue collecting evidence and data on FDSV ... That's family, domestic and sexual violence. What proportion of that \$30 million will go to the ABS?

Ms Wilson: *My understanding is that around \$12 million of that package will come to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.*

Senator McALLISTER: *In the Treasury PBS at page 65, there are the new measures which affect the ABS, but the Women's Safety Package is not amongst them. What is the mechanism by which that \$12 million will flow to the ABS?*

Ms Wilson: *I expect that to be under some sort of memorandum of understanding. Those details will be worked out with the Office for Women.*

Senator McALLISTER: *So it's your understanding that that money is allocated to the Office for Women?*

Ms Wilson: *Yes, that's my understanding.*

I am writing to provide an amended response to the Committee in relation to this matter.

\$16.3 million out of the \$30 million mentioned on page 85 of the Part 2 Payment Measures document will come to the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The remainder is allocated to the Australian Research Organisation for Women's Safety (ANROWS).

The ABS component (\$16.3 million) will be paid over 4 years for the next Personal Safety Survey (PSS) which is provisionally scheduled for 2025/26. We will negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Department of Social Services (DSS) for this survey delivery.

Yours sincerely



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