



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

Senator Jess Walsh
Chair
Senate Economics Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Walsh

On reviewing the Proof Hansard of the testimony given by the department at the Senate Estimates hearing on 1 December 2022, we find that some of the information provided to the Committee would benefit from clarification and correction.

The following exchange occurred between Senator Macdonald and Meghan Quinn, the Secretary of the Department of Industry, Science and Resources:

Senator McDONALD: I have some questions about section 92 of the Constitution. Unless you have a resources legal expert here, we might have to leave that. Do you have a legal expert from resources here?

Ms Quinn: Matters around constitutional law are tied works with the Government Solicitor. We rely on the Office of Constitutional Law. We would refer our legal questions to them.

For clarity, we suggest Ms Quinn's response should read as follows:

Matters around constitutional law are tied works with the Australian Government Solicitor and the Office of Constitutional Law in the Attorney-General's Department. We would refer our legal questions to them.

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

Yours sincerely

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