



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Education,  
Skills and Employment**

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Parliamentary Branch  
Assistant Secretary  
Jocelyn Ashford

Mr Alan Raine  
Committee Secretary  
Education and Employment — Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Raine

**Corrections to Evidence — Budget Estimates 28 and 29 October 2020**

I am writing in relation to the Education and Employment Senate Estimates — Legislation Committee Hearing of 28 and 29 October 2020.

On behalf of the Department of Education, Skills and Employment and portfolio entities, I attach clarifications to the evidence provided to the committee at the recent hearing (Attachment A).

Yours sincerely

Jocelyn Ashford  
3 December 2020

28 October 2020

**Witness Name:** Dr Bruniges

**Hansard Reference:** 28 October 2020 page 11

**Evidence Correction:**

On the topic concerning transition payments made under the Early Childhood and Child Care Relief Package.

**The corrected statement is**

*The first payment went out ~~on~~ in the week of 13 July.*

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**Witness Name:** Dr Ros Baxter

**Hansard Reference:** 28 October 2020 page 17

**Evidence Correction:**

On the topic concerning the duration of the evaluation.

**The corrected statement is**

*This has always been a ~~two~~ four year evaluation. As the secretary pointed out, it's a \$6 million, ~~two~~ four year, whole of system evaluation.*

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**Witness Name:** Dr Ros Baxter

**Hansard Reference:** 28 October 2020 page 24

**Evidence Correction:**

On the topic concerning the Norway's expenditure on child care - *...like Norway, which spends about five times as a proportion of GDP what Australia spends, it only manages to achieve about a 1.8 per cent increase in women's workforce participation.*

**The corrected statement is**

*...like Norway, which spends about five times as a proportion of GDP what Australia spends, it only manages to achieve a women's workforce participation rate of about 1.8 per cent higher.*

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**Witness Name:** Karen Sandercock

**Hansard Reference:** 28 October 2020 page 59

**Evidence Correction:**

On the topic concerning Chinese international student numbers.

**The corrected statement is**

*To 2020, we see that the rate of growth this year has declined nine percent for enrolments and three per cent in the previous year for commencements.*

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**Witness Name:** Dr Bruniges

**Hansard Reference:** 28 October 2020 page 63

**Evidence Correction:**

On the topic concerning job losses at Australian universities.

**The corrected statement is**

*As at 21 October 2020; that is what we have been monitoring via media.*

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**Witness Name:** Professor Nicholas Saunders

**Hansard Reference:** 28 October 2020 page 93

**Evidence Correction:**

On the topic concerning TEQSA's assessment of the complaint by End Rape on Campus regarding the University of Queensland.

**The corrected statement is**

*TEQSA felt that the University of Queensland's policies and procedures (a) were adequate, and (b) had been followed in that matter. However, TEQSA found that the engagement of the alleged perpetrator was inconsistent with the stated requirements in the description of the position for which the individual was engaged.*

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29 October 2020

**Witness Name:** Marcus Markovic

**Hansard Reference:** 29 October 2020 page 5

**Evidence Correction:**

On the topic concerning number of contractors in the department.

**The corrected statement is**

*As at 31 August we had ~~623~~ 613 contractors in the department, and the secretary has already provided you with the figure of the number of permanent staff.*

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**Witness Name:** Mr Adam Boyton

**Hansard Reference:** 29 October 2020 page 18

**Evidence Correction:**

On the topic concerning the time period stated that employment had increased by a little over 200,000, or 1.7 per cent.

**The corrected statement is**

*Over the year to ~~May~~ March 2020, employment had increased by a little over 200,000, or 1.7 per cent.*

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**Witness Name:** Mr Adam Boyton

**Hansard Reference:** 29 October 2020 page 20

**Evidence Correction:**

On the topic concerning the recovery of female employment in the labour market.

**The corrected statement is**

*Female employment has risen ~~281,600~~ 276,100 or ~~4.6~~ 4.9 per cent, since May.*

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**Witness Name:** Mr Adam Boyton

**Hansard Reference:** 29 October 2020 page 20

**Evidence Correction:**

On the topic concerning male employment in the labour market.

**The corrected statement is**

*To provide some context to the rising female employment rate, male employment has risen ~~180,000~~ 170,400 over the period May to September 2020, or 2.6 per cent.*

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**Witness Name:** Dr Bruniges

**Hansard Reference:** 29 October 2020 page 22

**Evidence Correction:**

On the topic concerning functions from within the department moving across to the National Skills Commission.

**The corrected statement is**

*Some of those staff were previously in the old employment department; and Mr Turvey for example, moved over from our Schools Group.*

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**Witness Name:** Dr Bruniges

**Hansard Reference:** 29 October 2020 page 35

**Evidence Correction:**

On the topic concerning commissioner or executive roles that have a fixed loading.

**The corrected statement is**

*I will take it on notice, but one that comes to mind was the CEO of ACARA – the first appointment of the current CEO of ACARA has a fixed component in their remuneration by the Remuneration Tribunal.*

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**Witness Name:** Dr Bruniges

**Hansard Reference:** 29 October 2020 page 62

**Evidence Correction:**

On the topic concerning women's participation in VET.

**The corrected statement is**

*There was an estimated ~~1.39~~ 1.93 million female VET students in 2019.*

*and*

*Women's participation in VET is increasing, with an estimated ~~1.39~~ 1.93 million female VET students in 2019, representing about 45.8 per cent of the total 4.2 million VET students.*

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