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Committee Secretary
Senate Education and Employment Committee
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Dear Committee Secretary

Clarification to Hansard – Budget Estimates hearing on 6 April 2022

I am writing to provide clarification to evidence I gave to the Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment during the Budget Estimates hearing on 6 April 2022.

On p 35 of the transcript, in response to a question from Senator Pratt regarding the viability of the Seacare scheme, I said:

Ms Weston: Seacare hasn't been called, obviously to the committee, but I might note that there is a very difficult situation with their insurance. The scheme has not been able to gain insurance from March 31 this year. Indeed, some of the employers in the scheme – in fact, a large number – have not been able to get insurance either. It's an issue around the insurance market.

I wish to clarify the following:

- It is the Seafarers Safety Net Fund that has not been able to gain reinsurance from 31 March this year.
- There has been one employer that has not been able to obtain its own insurance under the *Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1992*.
- There have been a large number of employers who have had difficulty in obtaining insurance.

I also wish to note that Mr Michael Duke, Comcare's General Manager Scheme Management Group, provided clarification on this subject during the hearing.

Yours sincerely

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