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Corrections to Evidence —Budget Estimates 30th and 31st of May 2023

I am writing in relation to the Education and Employment Senate Estimates — Legislation Committee Hearing of the 30th and 31st of May 2023.

On behalf of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and portfolio agencies, I attach clarifications to the evidence provided to the Committee at the recent hearing ([Attachment A](#)).

Yours sincerely

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**Corrections to Evidence from 2023–24 Budget Estimates hearing
Tuesday 30 May and Wednesday 31 May 2023**

Witness Name: Ms Alexandra Mathews

(Day 1) Hansard Reference: page 59

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning the Review of the Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman

The Hansard states:

'Ms Mathews: Unless we are directed to do so by our minister. But we haven't proactively consulted with anyone except for the **Fair Work Ombudsman**'.

The corrected statement is:

'Ms Mathews: Unless we are directed to do so by our minister. But we haven't proactively consulted with anyone except for the **Fair Work Ombudsman and the Department of Finance**'.

Witness Name: Mr Nathan Smyth

Hansard Reference: page 82

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning the response to question on notice SQ23000583, Senator Cash asked if the response was provided by the department.

The Hansard states:

'Mr Smyth: **I believe it was, yes**'.

The corrected statement is:

'No'.

Witness Name: Bruce Cunningham

(Day 1) Hansard Reference: page 101

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning the evaluation of the Entrepreneurship Facilitators program.

The Hansard states:

'The employment facilitators program was evaluated as part of that entrepreneurship initiative'.

The corrected statement is:

'The Entrepreneurship Facilitators program was evaluated as part of that Entrepreneurship Initiative'.

Witness Name: Mr Nathan Smyth

(Day 1) Hansard Reference: page 107

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning Online Services. Senator O’Sullivan asked, “Has the department costed or provided any briefings to the Minister on changes to the online system around the maximum duration?”

The Hansard states:

‘Mr Smyth: **No**’.

The corrected statement is:

‘Mr Smyth: **The Department has costed options in regard to extending and shortening the maximum period of time that participants are assisted in online services prior to being referred to a provider**’.

Witness Name: Jason Stott

(Day 1) Hansard Reference: page 110

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning the question from Senator Davey on the draft proposal

The Hansard states:

‘revising accommodation **centres** and all those core topics that have been consulted on over that period’.

The corrected statement is:

‘revising accommodation **settings** and all those core topics that have been consulted on over that period’.

Witness Name: Jason Stott

(Day 1) Hansard Reference: page 113

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning the question from Senator Davey on exploitation stats

The Hansard states:

‘The Fair Work Ombudsman **adviser** commenced litigation against NQ Powertrain’.

The corrected statement is:

‘The Fair Work Ombudsman **commenced** litigation against NQ Powertrain’.

Witness Name: Helen McCormack

(Day 1) Hansard Reference: page 114

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning the question from Senator Davey on the number of active PALM employers

The Hansard states:

‘We currently have 265 active **employments**’.

The corrected statement is:

‘We currently have 265 active **employers**’.

Witness Name: Jason Stott

(Day 1) Hansard Reference: page 115

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning the question from Senator Davey disengagement

The Hansard states:

'Imminent citizen who comes from the community'.

The corrected statement is:

'Eminent citizen who comes from the community'

Witness Name: Jason Stott

(Day 1) Hansard Reference: page 116

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning the investment in DEWR

The Hansard states:

'facility by DEWR, which brings the compliance and enforcement capability'.

The corrected statement is:

'facility to DEWR, which brings the compliance and enforcement capability'.

Witness Name: Jason Stott

(Day 1) Hansard Reference: page 116

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning the question from the Chair on PALM workers being able to remit earning to their families.

The Hansard states:

'Not unlike the conversation we were having with Senator Paymen'.

The corrected statement is:

'Not unlike the conversation we were having with Senator Davey'.

Witness Name: Rachel Volzke

(Day 2) Hansard Reference: page 40

Evidence Correction:

'On the topic concerning the sexual harassment positive duty obligations'.

The Hansard states:

'My understanding is that that positive duty kicks off on 1 December this year, so there certainly is work that's going on with the AHRC'.

The corrected statement is:

'My understanding is that that positive duty kicks off on 12 December this year, so there certainly is work that's going on with the AHRC'.

Witness Name: Dr Simon Booth

(Day 2) Hansard Reference: page 84

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning breakdown of placements at TAFE versus other providers nationally

The Hansard states:

‘There are 83.3 per cent at TAFEs. There are 8.7 per cent at dual sector universities—in Victoria, for example, they effectively work as a TAFE. There are 7.2 per cent at private providers, and 0.8 per cent are at community-based adult education providers’.

The corrected statement is:

‘There are 85 per cent at TAFEs. There are 6.9 percent at dual sector universities—in Victoria, for example, they effectively work as a TAFE. There are 7.1 per cent at private providers, and 1 per cent are at community-based adult education providers’.

Witness Name: Ms Clare Sharp

(Day 2) Hansard Reference: page 99

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning new energy on the Australian Apprenticeships Priority List.

The Hansard states:

‘Forty qualifications are on our priority list that are new energy’.

The corrected statement is:

‘Forty occupations are on our priority list that are new energy’.
