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Education and Employment Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

**Corrections to Evidence — Supplementary Budget Estimates 25 and 26 October  
2023**

I am writing to clarify evidence given to the Education and Employment Senate Estimates Legislation Committee at the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings held on 25 and 26 October 2023.

On behalf of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and related portfolio entities, clarification to the evidence provided to the Committee is included as Attachment A.

Yours sincerely

Ms Penny Edwards  
Assistant Secretary  
Parliamentary and Governance Branch

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## Corrections to Evidence from 2023–24 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing Wednesday 25 October 2023 and Thursday 26 October 2023

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**Witness Name:** Melissa Ryan                      **Date:** Wednesday, 25 October 2023

**Hansard Reference:** Page 91

**Evidence Correction:** The number of participants regarding Work For the Dole work health and safety matters

**The Hansard states:** From 1 July 2022 to 30 September this year, there have been a total of 78 incidents relating to 8,331 unique participants in relation to work health and safety matters.

**The corrected statement is:** From 1 July 2022 to 30 September this year, there have been a total of 78 incidents relating to **8,391** unique participants in relation to work health and safety matters.

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**Witness Name:** Ms Kate Anderson                      **Date:** Wednesday, 25 October 2023

**Hansard Reference:** Page 100

**Evidence Correction:** On the topic of the number of investigations in the university sector

**The Hansard states:**

Ms K Anderson: I have overarching responsibility for the university strategy work. I think the number, the nine you are just referring to, wasn't in fact the open number of active investigations but rather the number that were in the public domain, so I think that nine becomes 10. There are now **10** that are in the public domain. We have 23 that are open active **investigations**, leaving obviously 13.

**The corrected statement is:**

Ms K Anderson: I have overarching responsibility for the university strategy work. I think the number, the nine you are just referring to, wasn't in fact the open number of active investigations but rather the number that were in the public domain, so I think that nine becomes 10. There are now **10 matters** that are in the public domain. We have 23 that are open active **matters**, leaving obviously 13.

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**Witness Name:** Mr Mark Scully                      **Date:** Wednesday, 25 October 2023

**Hansard Reference:** Page 106

**Evidence Correction:** On the topic of proactive site visits and the Fair Work Ombudsman's regulatory priorities.

**The Hansard states:**

Mr Scully: site inspections which are primarily targeted to our priority areas, such as fast food restaurants and **catering**, the agriculture sector and the like, and building and construction. We have a program of site inspections that we undertake during the year. That can include, under the fast food restaurants and catering sector, our national food precincts work, where we go around and we do audits in a number of cheap-eat precincts. We also have our agriculture strategy, where we plan to visit 15 high-risk sectors and undertake priority audits there.

**The corrected statement is:**

Mr Scully: site inspections which are primarily targeted to our priority areas, such as fast food restaurants and **cafes**, the agriculture sector and the like, and building and construction. We have a program of site inspections that we undertake during the year. That can include, under the fast food restaurants and catering sector, our

national food precincts work, where we go around and we do audits in a number of cheap-eat precincts. We also have our agriculture strategy, where we plan to visit 15 high-risk sectors and undertake priority audits there.

**Witness Name:** Mr Mark Scully **Date:** Wednesday, 25 October 2023

**Hansard Reference:** Page 106

**Evidence Correction:**

**The Hansard states:**

Mr Scully: Yes. The priority areas for 2023-24 are agriculture; fast food restaurants and catering; large corporates and universities; and the care sector. The care sector is a new priority, coming in this year. But they're our four. And then, underpinning all that work is our continued emphasis on and priority of vulnerable workers, as well as supporting small business employers.

**The corrected statement is:**

Mr Scully: Yes. The priority areas for 2023-24 are agriculture; fast food restaurants and cafes; large corporates and universities; and the care sector. The care sector is a new priority, coming in this year. But they're our four. And then, underpinning all that work is our continued emphasis on and priority of vulnerable workers, as well as supporting small business employers.

**Witness Name:** Murray Furlong **Date:** Wednesday 25 October 2023

**Hansard Reference:** Page 116

**Evidence Correction:** On the topic concerning the Regional Allocation system

**The Hansard states:**

Mr Furlong: There are two regions. Region 1 takes in WA, New South Wales, the ACT and the Northern Territory. It's Vice-President Catanzariti. I'll just confirm that. It's on our website.

Senator O'SULLIVAN: Are the national practice leaders also on the website?

**The corrected statement is:**

Mr Furlong: There are two regions. Region 1 takes in Queensland, WA, New South Wales, the ACT and the Northern Territory. It's Vice-President Catanzariti. I'll just confirm that. It's on our website.

**Witness Name:** Dr Simon Booth **Date:** Thursday, 26 October 2023

**Hansard Reference:** Page 8

**Evidence Correction:** On the figure for flexible funding under the National Skills Agreement.

**The Hansard states:**

'First, For the flexible funding, which is \$11.2 billion...'

**The corrected statement is:**

'First, For the flexible funding, which is \$11.3 billion...'

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**Witness Name:** Dr Simon Booth

**Date:** Thursday, 26 October 2023

**Hansard Reference:** Page 8

**Evidence Correction:** On the figure for flexible funding under the National Skills Agreement.

**The Hansard states:**

‘\$11.27 billion over the 5 years’

**The corrected statement is:**

‘\$11.3 billion over the 5 years’

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**Witness Name:** Belinda Campbell

**Date:** Thursday, 26 October 2023

**Hansard Reference:** page 12

**Evidence Correction:** deleted – studies

**The Hansard states:** We are also in the process of procuring new apprenticeship services arrangements. They will come into place from 1 July 2024. One of the key cohort **studies** identified in that approach to market is around women who are taking up occupations in male dominated trade.

**The corrected statement is:** We are also in the process of procuring new apprenticeship services arrangements. They will come into place from 1 July 2024. One of the key cohorts identified in that approach to market is around women who are taking up occupations in male dominated trade.

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**Witness Name:** Anna Faithfull

**Date:** Thursday, 26 October 2023

**Hansard Reference:** PAGE 16

**Evidence Correction:** On the term used

**The Hansard states:** Ms Faithfull: If we look at the tender documentation, which is publicly available, it talks about national coverage, service regions and service coverage. It also talks about support for **specialist** cohorts—clean energy, women, First Nations and people with disability.

**The corrected statement is:** Ms Faithfull: If we look at the tender documentation, which is publicly available, it talks about national coverage, service regions and service coverage. It also talks about support for ~~specialist~~ **key** cohorts—clean energy, women, First Nations and people with disability.

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