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Senator Raff Ciccone
Committee Chair
Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Department of the Senate

Dear Senator

Ms Patterson would like to correct her statement made in error at the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade hearing 15 February 2023.

The statement is reflected on page 94 of the Hansard, highlighted below.

Senator DAVID POCOCK: Can staff expect a pay rise this year? Will it be in line with the two per cent this year?

Ms Patterson: Yes. Under the interim bargaining arrangements all agencies are eligible for a **two per cent** pay rise 12 months from the date of the last pay rise that they were entitled to under their existing agreement. So, on 10 July, yes, our staff will be entitled to a **two per cent pay rise**, but that's across the board. So we're going up **two per cent**, but everyone else is going up **two per cent**.

The quoted two per cent figure should be three per cent. The remainder of the comments Ms Patterson made at the hearing are correct.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Anderson