



Australian Government
Simplified Trade System
Implementation Taskforce

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Senator Raff Ciccone
Chair
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator Ciccone

I have identified an error in the evidence I gave on behalf of the Simplified Trade System Taskforce at the 23-24 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on 26 October 2023. In response to Senator Cadell's question regarding the number of ASL allocated to the Taskforce (page 104 of the Hansard), I responded to say '52 permanent APS staff and 12 contractors'. However, this should have been '52 APS staff and 12 contractors'.

I would be grateful if you could bring this corrected information to the attention of Committee members.

Yours sincerely

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