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Ms Ann Palmer
Committee Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Palmer

I wish to advise of the following corrections and clarifications to the record in relation to evidence provided at the Budget Estimates Hearing on Monday 8 April 2019, regarding the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.

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Ms Livingston: We did receive a draft of the statement from DFAT, which is part of the usual practice that DFAT follows on all documents that go before the Human Rights Council. On this occasion we ~~didn't have any comment to~~ provided *nil comment on the draft text and advised DFAT that we supported Australia joining the statement.* ~~so~~ We didn't further engage in the process. We weren't further involved in the deliberations of the document.

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Ms Livingston: I don't believe so. My understanding of the time line is that the document was provided to PM&C on *Tuesday, 26 February 2019 and the Office for Women provided a response to DFAT the same day.* ~~the Friday. I think that would have been International Women's Day in Australia, but~~ The deliberations that DFAT manages in terms of the actual text and Australia's position on the document would have continued on into the weekend, Australia time. This was occurring in Geneva, and we weren't involved from that point onwards.

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