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Ms Sarah Redden
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Dear Ms Redden

Correction to evidence

I am writing to correct my response to a question asked during the Budget Estimates Hearings of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee, on Thursday, 22 October 2020.

Senator Gallagher asked whether all acquisitions under the *Lands Acquisition Act 1989* (LAA) require authorisation by the Department of Finance and I indicated that they did.

However, under the delegations for acquisitions made under the LAA:

- the Finance Minister issues a declaration for all compulsory acquisitions;
- specific officials in acquiring authorities authorise acquisitions by agreement where the interest to be acquired is available in the market; and
- specific Finance officials authorise all other acquisitions by agreement.

Yours sincerely

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