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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
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Dear Committee Secretary

Clarification to Hansard – Additional Estimates hearing on 13 February 2024

I am writing to clarify evidence I provided to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs during the Additional Estimates hearing on 13 February 2024.

On page 101 of the transcript, in response to a question from Senator Steele-John regarding any plans to commit to an investigation or project to improve the experience of people with disability in air travel, I said:

Ms Kayess: *We've been engaging the previous commissioner, Dr Ben Gauntlett, who was engaging with the airlines and looking at the issues around accessibility of airline travel for people with disability.*

This statement reads as though the Australian Human Rights Commission (Commission) is engaging directly with the previous Commissioner, which is not the case. The Commission is engaging and continuing with the work commenced by the previous Commissioner when he was in the role, rather than engaging directly with him.

Yours sincerely,

Rosemary Kayess
Disability Discrimination Commissioner