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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Dear Committee Secretary

Clarification to Hansard – Additional Estimates hearing on 13 February 2024

I am writing to provide a clarification to evidence I gave to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs during the Additional Estimates hearing on 13 February 2024.

On page 43 of the transcript, in response to a question from Senator Shoebridge regarding whether the Independent Review of the National Legal Assistance Partnership (NLAP) would be published, I said:

Ms Harvey: I understand the final report is a requirement under the National Legal Assistance Partnership—I can't remember the clause—and it's within three months.

I wish to clarify that the relevant clause in the NLAP is clause 86, which is reproduced below.

86. The final report for the Independent Review must be made publically available by the Commonwealth within three months on completion of the Independent Review, unless it is not reasonable, appropriate or practical to do so at the time.

The action officer for this matter is _____ who can be contacted on _____

Yours sincerely

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