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Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
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Dear Mr Watling

Clarification to Hansard

I am writing to clarify the evidence presented during the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs during the Budget Estimates hearing on Thursday 24 May 2018.

I have identified the following clarifications:

On page 51 of the transcript, in exchanges with Senator Pratt, I stated:

Ms Falk: Under the current budget for 2017–18, the appropriation is \$10.74 million. There's an additional amount that the OAIC receives from government agencies to MOU funding of \$3.021 million. Then, in 2018–19, we will receive \$13.496 million. That includes an additional \$2.779 million, which I mentioned in my opening statement, for the proposed consumer data right.

I wish to clarify that in the 2017–18 budget, the appropriation is \$10.711 million.

On page 52 of the transcript, in exchanges with Senator Pratt, I stated:

Ms Falk: Our staffing allocation will increase next financial year. We'll move from having an ASL of 75 to having an increased ASL of 92. That takes account of the new budget measure on the consumer data right. We are in a fortunate position of actually being able to go out to recruit, and we're, at the moment, making arrangements in order to move that forward.

I wish to clarify that in the 2018–19 budget the ASL increases to 93.

Please contact me on [redacted] should further information be required.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Australian Information Commissioner
Acting Privacy Commissioner

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