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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
PO Box 6100
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary

Clarifications to Hansard

I write to you concerning evidence provided to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs during the Budget Estimates hearing on 21 October 2020.

The Attorney-General's Department has identified the following clarification:

Evidence of Ms Joanna Virtue, Assistant Secretary, Integrity and Criminal Law Branch

On page 70 of the transcript, in exchanges with Senator Thorpe, Ms Virtue stated:

Ms Virtue: In terms of state and territory NPM mechanisms, it's really a matter for states and territories to develop those and to undertake what consultations they see fit. The only other thing I would add is that the Australian Human Rights Commissioner released a report on the implementation of OPCAT earlier this year—I think it was in July, from memory—which provided outcomes from civil society consultations in relation to the implementation of OPCAT.

The Attorney-General's Department wishes to clarify that the Human Rights Commissioner released his report on the implementation of OPCAT, following consultations with civil society, on 29 June 2020.

Please contact the Human Rights Unit on (02) 6141 4180 should further information be required.

Yours sincerely

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