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Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson
Chair
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Chair

The Department of Home Affairs appeared at the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee's Budget Estimates hearing on 4 April 2022.

In my capacity as First Assistant Secretary, Status Resolution and Visa Cancellation Division, I gave evidence to the Committee and I have become aware of the need to correct a response I gave regarding the number of transitory persons in held immigration detention.

My response is recorded on page 9 of the Hansard in response to a question from Senator McKim, where I stated:

'In terms of the transitory persons who are remaining in held detention as of today, there are 31 people remaining in held detention.'

This figure was also referenced by Senators and other witnesses on pages 9-10 and 13-14.

I have since been advised that the figure I provided was incorrect. On the day of the hearing, there were 32 transitory persons in held immigration detention.

I would be grateful if you can convey this information to the Committee to correct the record.

Yours sincerely

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