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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary

Clarification to Hansard – Budget Estimates hearing on 7 November 2022

I am writing to provide a clarification to evidence I gave to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs during the Budget Estimates spill-over hearing on 7 November 2022.

On p 42 of the transcript, in response to a question from Senator Shoebridge regarding state and territory consultation for the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture's visit to Australia, I said:

Mr Newnham: We met with them, including with New South Wales, seven times from 28 August through until 10 October and had multiple communications both on the eve of the visit and during the visit. We sought to address all of the concerns that had been registered with us.

I wish to clarify that departmental records indicate that the first meeting with New South Wales was held on 5 August 2022.

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

Yours sincerely

Simon Newnham

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