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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

Clarification of evidence given at Estimates

Having examined the draft transcript, I wish to clarify evidence I gave to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs during the Estimates hearing on 7 November 2022.

On page 27 of the transcript, in response to a question from Senator Scarr regarding how many of the applications made in 2021-22 under the Native Title Respondents Funding Scheme were approved, I said:

Ms Samios: 269.

I wish to clarify that the figure of 269 is the number of grant applications approved in that financial year, 2021-22. The figure of 269 is not limited to applications made in the 2021-22 financial year, and some of the 342 applications made in the 2021-22 financial year were not resolved until the current financial year.

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

Yours sincerely

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