



## FEDERAL CIRCUIT AND FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA

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Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee  
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Dear Committee Secretary

#### **Clarification to Hansard – Budget Estimates hearing on 7 November 2022**

On 7 November 2022 I appeared before the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs as an officer of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (the Courts). I was asked a number of questions in relation to the Court Children’s Service branch of the Courts.

On page 90 of the transcript, in response to a question from Senator Shoebridge on the number of budgeted Court Child Expert positions within the Courts during the current financial year, I said:

**Ms Carmichael:** We have about 107 budgeted. We have 10 positions vacant. And then we have a greater level of vacancy from other arrangements, such as long-term leave, which affects the ASL. So the ASL will be higher than 10.

I would like to clarify that the final sentence of that excerpt should indicate that the *actual vacancy* will be higher than 10, and not the *ASL*.

If you require any further clarification in relation to my statement above, please contact me by email at

Yours Faithfully

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