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

Dear Committee Secretary

Clarification to Hansard – Legal and constitutional affairs legislation hearing on 24 May 2023

I am writing to correct evidence I provided to the Senate Standing Committee on funding for Aboriginal Legal Services for coronial funding during the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Estimates hearing on 24 May 2023.

On p 45 of the transcript, in response to a question from Senator Thorpe regarding the time frame for distribution of the funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services to provide legal assistance for coronial funding, I said:

Ms Bogaart: We've received sign-off, so the Commonwealth has executed its requirements to get that money out the door. We're waiting for states and territories to come back. I can confirm that four states and territories have signed that, which means that the payments will be made in the first week of June.

I wish to clarify that five states and territories have signed.

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

Yours sincerely

Esther Bogaart