



Friday, 1 September 2023

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

Dear Committee Secretary

**Clarification to Hansard - Additional Budget Estimates hearing on 4 August 2023**

The Australian Federal Police appeared at the Additional Budget Estimates hearing on 4 August 2023 as part of the Attorney-General's Portfolio.

In my capacity as acting Deputy Commissioner Crime, I gave evidence to the Senate and I have reviewed the Hansard record. In relation to my testimony I have become aware of the need to amend a response to a question from Senator James Paterson.

The particular reference for correction is on page 32 of the Hansard Transcript in response to a question from Senator Paterson the launch date of *Trace an Object* initiative, I said:

**Mr Nicholls:** Yes, you're 100 per cent correct on that. I can tell you that it was launched on 3 March 2021. I can tell you that Trace an Object has had, as at 3 March, 52,000 visits to its web page. I can also share with you that 570 reports have been received. From those, we've got three investigation leads...

The figures provided in evidence on 4 August 2023 were outdated and taken from the ACCCE's public website. I can advise these statistics have now been updated to reflect those provided below (as at 31 March 2023).

Therefore, the response is not an accurate reflection of the matter and I am providing the following amendment to the evidence in response to the question:

**Mr Nicholls:** Yes, you're 100 per cent correct on that. I can tell you that it was launched on 3 March 2021. I can tell you that Trace an Object has had, as at 31 March 2023, 183,664 visits to the dedicated webpages. I can also share with you that 881 reports have been submitted by members of the public relating to objects features on the webpage, which have led to several investigative leads.

Yours sincerely,

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