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Committee Secretary
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary

Clarification to Hansard – Budget Estimates spill-over hearing on 4 August 2023

I am writing to provide a clarification to evidence provided by Ms Katherine Jones to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs during the Budget Estimates spill-over hearing on 4 August 2023.

On page 41 of the transcript, in response to a question from Senator Cash in relation to outstanding questions on notice, Ms Jones stated:

Ms Jones: Out of 625 questions on notice that were put by the Committee to the department, 542 answers have been tabled, 73 answers are with the Attorney-General's office and 10 answers remain in the department, which I am seeking to expedite. Those answers generally relate to questions that require cross-portfolio engagement around facilities and other issues.

I wish to clarify that this response was provided based on advice provided to Ms Jones on the day, but subsequent advice has confirmed that as at 4 August 2023 of the 627 questions on notice put by the Committee to the portfolio, 542 answers had been tabled, 73 answers were with the Attorney-General's office and 12 answers remained in the department.

Yours sincerely

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