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**Department of Home Affairs**

Senator Nita Green  
Committee Chair  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee  
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Dear Chair

The Home Affairs Portfolio appeared before the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee at its Budget Estimates hearing on Monday 22 May 2023.

I gave evidence to the Senate in my capacity as First Assistant Secretary, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs Division. I have reviewed the Hansard record and became aware of the need to correct a response I gave to a question from Senator Chandler.

The reference for correction commences on page 132 of the Hansard in response to the following question from Senator Chandler:

*“Since they’ve been a permanent resident?”*

My response to this question was:

*“I believe it’s in the past ten years.”*

This response is not an accurate reflection of the matter and I am providing the following correction of evidence in response to this question:

*“Yes.”*

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this clarification, which will ensure that correct information has been provided to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee.

Yours sincerely

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