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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
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Dear Committee Secretary

Clarification to Hansard – Budget Estimates hearing on 31 May 2024

I am writing to clarify evidence given by Leanne Smith to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee during the Estimates hearing on Friday 31 May 2024.

On page 11 of the transcript, in response to questions from Senator Faruqi regarding whether AHRC staff had been ‘informally cautioned’ in relation to, among other things, ‘talking about UN press releases’, Ms Smith said:

Ms Smith: No individual staff member has complained that they have been subject to that treatment.

On 18 June Ms Smith advised me that the answer should be clarified as follows: ‘One former staff member, in their resignation letter, referred to having been “informally cautioned” and told not to use a UN press release.’

Please be advised that Ms Smith is on leave until 17th July 2024 and I request that you accept this clarification on her behalf.

Please contact _____ on _____ should further information be required.

Yours sincerely

Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher AM
President