



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

The National Emergency Management Agency appeared at the Senate Estimates Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee hearing on 28 May 2024.

In my capacity as Coordinator-General, I gave evidence to the Senate and have reviewed the Hansard record. In relation to my testimony, I have become aware of the need to correct a statement I made.

The particular reference for correction is in my statement on page 6

As the Minister touched on, since last October 44 disasters have been declared nationally, affecting around 195 local government areas here in Australia.

Subsequently I have been advised that this statement is not an accurate reflection of the matter and I am providing the following correction of evidence

As the Minister touched on, since last October 48 disasters have been declared nationally, affecting around 190 local government areas here in Australia.

I am further aware of the need to correct a response I made to a question from Senator Tony Sheldon.

The particular reference for correction is on page 15 in response to the question from Senator Sheldon

How many local Aboriginal workers were employed in the construction of the new bridge and what impact did this project have on Aboriginal-owned businesses in the region? Handled the right way, a project should ask: how do we build resilience in the community whilst we're building resilience more generally for future potential disasters?

In response to the question from Senator Sheldon, on page 16 I stated

If we look at the total package of support that's gone to Western Australia, it's in excess of \$900 million.

If I look at the 150 Aboriginals employed in the construction of that bridge, I think 25 per cent of the hours worked were performed by Aboriginals and there were 26 local Aboriginal business groups that received contracts to deliver that piece of infrastructure.

Subsequently I have been advised that this response is not an accurate reflection of the matter and I am providing the following correction of evidence

If we look at the total package of support that's gone to Western Australia, it's estimated in excess of \$866 million.

If I look at the 240 locals employed in the construction of that bridge, I think 25 per cent of the hours worked were performed by Aboriginals and there were 26 local Aboriginal business groups that received contracts to deliver that piece of infrastructure.

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

Yours Sincerely,

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