



Australian Government
Department of Home Affairs

Senator Amanda Stoker
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator,

The Home Affairs Portfolio appeared at the Senate Estimates Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee hearing on Monday 21 October 2019.

In my capacity as First Assistant Secretary, Integrity, Security and Assurance Division, 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 response I made to a question from Senator McKim.

The particular reference or correction is on page 52 from Monday 21 October 2019 in response to the question from Senator McKim "have you heard back from ACLEI?" which was in relation to the allegation regarding Mr Anees.

My response to this question was, "no, they haven't provided us any information."

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

"ACLEI referred this matter back to Home Affairs for investigations to be conducted with ACLEI oversight. The matter is currently under investigation. The department does not comment on current investigations."

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 faithfully

Mark Brown
First Assistant Secretary, Integrity, Security and Assurance Division
22 October 2019