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Dear Secretary

Clarification to evidence given at Estimates

Having examined the draft transcript, which became available on 23 October 2019, I wish to clarify evidence I gave to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs during the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on 22 October 2019.

At page 135 of the draft transcript for 22 October 2019, Senator Steele-John asked:

Senator Steele-John: Have they made you aware of why they resigned from their positions?

Mr Anderson: Mr Fordham didn't communicate a reason to the Attorney-General, and Ms Ronalds gave no reason in her letter to the Attorney-General.

Senator Steele-John: As far as the department is aware, they've given no reason as to their resignations?

Mr Anderson: No reasons were provided to the Attorney-General by either Mr Fordham or Ms Ronalds.

I wish to clarify that, while her resignation letter to the Attorney-General gave no reason, Ms Ronalds did separately provide a reason to the department. Mr Fordham communicated his resignation to the Chair of the Royal Commission, not to the Attorney-General.

Yours sincerely

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