



Australian Government
Department of Home Affairs

Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson
Committee Chair
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Dear Chair

The Home Affairs Portfolio appeared at the Senate Estimates Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee hearing on 25 October 2021.

In my capacity as Deputy Secretary, Strategy and National Resilience Group, 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 Kristina Keneally.

The particular reference for correction is on page 79 in response to the question from Senator Keneally

..the grants hub is assessing the applications now, so that's the stage of the process we're at. It hasn't gone back to the department.

My response to this question was "*That is correct*"

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 in response to this question:

The Department received information relating to the applications for the Safer Communities Fund round six early intervention grant opportunity funding stream on 13 October 2021.

At 25 October 2021, the Department has not received information relating to the applications for the Safer Communities Fund round six infrastructure grant opportunity funding stream.

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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