



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

The Department of Home Affairs appeared at the Supplementary Senate Estimates Spill-over Hearing of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee on 26 November 2021.

In my capacity as Commissioner, Australian Border Force (ABF), I gave evidence to the Committee. I have reviewed the Hansard record and, in relation to my testimony, I have become aware of the need to correct a response I made to Senator Sheldon.

The particular reference for correction is on Hansard at page 39 in response to the question from Senator Sheldon:

*"How are the raids going in Bundaberg? I am not asking for specific details. I am asking you how the raids are going in Bundaberg."*

My response to this question was based on a table from the Key Brief on Foreign Worker Exploitation, to which I responded:

*"What I would say in answer to your question is that this year we have issued 27 infringement notices. I cannot say if any of them were in Bundaberg. We conducted 2,582 field actions and 831 education awareness visits and issued 150 legal worker warning notices in the same year."*

The correct reporting period in relation to these figures is 2020-2021 financial year. The correct number of infringement notices issued for this period (2020-2021 financial year) is 19.

For the 2021-2022 financial year, to 31 August 2021, the ABF conducted 300 field action, 90 education awareness visits and issued 15 legal worker warning notices. The ABF has also issued four infringement notices over this period.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this clarification, which will ensure that correct information has been provided to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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Commissioner  
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