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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 on 23 October 2023.

In my capacity as Acting First Assistant Secretary, Cyber Security Policy Division, I gave evidence to the Senate. I have since reviewed the Hansard record. In relation to my evidence, I have become aware of the need to correct a response I made to a question from Senator Paterson.

The particular reference for correction is on page 48 in response to the question from Senator Paterson:

What's the reason for the delay? These regulations were issued in October 2022.

My response to this question included:

The migration amendments were updated this year to introduce new powers for the minister regarding the unwanted transfer of critical technologies. The one outstanding element, as you've identified, is the instrument requiring approval from the government to the minister's signature.

In providing this response, I inadvertently referred to the amendments being updated this year (2023). The correct year the migration amendments being updated is 2022. For the avoidance of doubt, I provide the full correction of evidence in response to this question:

The migration amendments were updated in 2022 to introduce new powers for the minister regarding the unwanted transfer of critical technologies. The one outstanding element, as you've identified, is the instrument requiring approval from the government to the minister's signature.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this clarification.

Yours sincerely

9/11/23.

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