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Senator Andrew McLachlan CSC
Committee Chair
Parliamentary Joint Committee on ACLEI
Committee Office, Department of the Senate
Parliament House
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Dear Senator McLachlan,

I am writing to notify you of two corrections to evidence I provided on 11 February 2022 to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI) inquiry into the expansion of ACLEI's jurisdiction and the corruption vulnerabilities of law enforcement agencies' contracted services.

I wish to correct the following, as recorded in the proof *Hansard* transcript of the hearing, to ensure a factual account of reporting relating to the department:

- In response to the question '*do you have any data you could share on the number of referrals to ACLEI?*', I correct my response to '*...this financial year we have made three referrals and last financial year three...'*'.
- In response to the question '*Can I go back to the issue of the referrals that were mentioned a few months ago. Were those referrals detected by the agency itself of its own internal processes, or were they detected because another agency or a whistle blower brought them to the attention of the department?*', I correct my response to '*...those that I reported in year to date and last financial year, five were identified within our organisation and one was reported to us from Home Affairs'*'.

I understand this notification of correction will be published on the inquiry webpage to provide clarity to evidence provided, rather than an amendment to the *Hansard* record.

Should you have any questions on this notification, the contact person is Assistant Secretary, Integrity Branch, Jill Mand.

Sincerely

Cindy Briscoe