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Senator Dean Smith  
Chair  
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit  
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Dear Senator Smith

**Australian National Audit Office: Update to a statement made at the hearing into the Inquiry into Australian Government Procurement Contract Reporting**

I wish to provide the JCPAA with a correction to a statement I made during the first hearing on the Australian Government Contract Reporting (Report No. 19) that took place on 16 February 2018.

The statement was in regards to the matter first raised by Mr. Gee on the difference in the reported value of consultancy contracts between the ANAO's report and the submission by the Department of Finance.

On the issue, I made a comment regarding the timing of agencies updating contracts from consultancy to non-consultancy. Specifically, *"This wasn't the end of the financial year, by the way. It was from September to December."* (Hansard)

For contracts changed from consultancy to non-consultancy in the period between the data extract used for ANAO's report (6 July 2017) and the data used in the Department of Finance's submission (3 January 2018), a more correct statement is as follows.

"These changes weren't all at the end of the financial year. 24.8% of contracts (50.8% by value) occurred between 6 July 2017 and 11 September 2017, while 75.2% of the contracts changed (49.2% by value) occurred between 11 September 2017 and 3 January 2018."

Yours sincerely

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