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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Agostino

Thank you for providing me with a copy of the proof Hansard transcript of evidence for the Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment in Canberra on 17 July 2015.

After careful consideration of the transcript, I would like to request the following correction of fact:

On page 51, I stated the following:

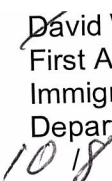
Mr Wilden: That is an industry—meat boner, slicer, slaughterer. Regarding the agreements, **there are 27 in meat boner and slicer, eight in the slaughterer category and 393 as skilled meat workers.** So there are a total of 428 workers across Australia under the labour agreements in the meat industry, and there are 28 companies that have them. That, if you like, is the slice of workers on 457s. But, going back to earlier statements, we do not monitor 417s.

The information marked in red is not correct.

There were 428 skilled meat workers across Australia under meat industry labour agreements as at 15 July 2015. Skilled meat workers include the occupations of meat boner and slicer and slaughterer but the data cannot be further refined to give a greater level of detail for each of those specific roles.

The provision of incorrect information to was due to data entry errors in DIBP systems. In future, systems will be put in place to prevent errors of this kind from occurring again.

Yours sincerely

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