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Committee Secretary,
Senate Select Committee on Commonwealth Bilateral Air Service Agreements,

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to review the *Hansard* transcript of evidence for the committee's hearing in Brisbane on Tuesday, 26 September 2023.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify one of my answers. As you can see from the full transcript, I needed a couple of questions repeated as the line was not clear. I have included part of the transcript in this letter below and have marked up three words in RED which I did not hear on the day. These words change the nature of the question. As previously indicated the “Government of Dubai” is the correct answer to the question about dnata’s ownership structure.

Senator BIRMINGHAM: Thank you for joining us today, Mr. Sigsworth. Can you for the record—given you missed a couple of questions that went before—be clear as to who owns dnata and what the ownership structure is?

Mr. Sigsworth: Yes. In Australia, those entities that I referred to at the beginning are obviously Australian businesses that pay tax in Australia, but ultimate ownership is with the government in Dubai.

Senator BIRMINGHAM: By 'the government in Dubai' you mean the United Arab Emirates sovereign wealth fund?

Mr. Sigsworth: Yes.

Senator BIRMINGHAM: So that's where profits are repatriated to when made by dnata in Australia.

Thank you for updating my evidence accordingly.

Burt Sigsworth