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**Department of Home Affairs**

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Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security  
Department of the House of Representatives

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The Home Affairs Portfolio appeared at the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security hearing on Friday 18 October 2019.

In my capacity as First Assistant Secretary, Citizenship and Multicultural Programs Division, I gave evidence to the Committee and have reviewed the Hansard record. In relation to my testimony, I have become aware of the need to correct my responses made to a question from the Chair, Mr Hastie. Mr Hastie asked that the Department "highlight the differences between" two submissions received from the Department of Home Affairs. We had just become aware of the fact that this had occurred, and due to a misunderstanding of the submitted versions, I briefed the difference between two earlier versions of the submission.

I propose that my response on page 40 from Friday 18 October 2019 be corrected to state that: "the submission was amended to address the question more explicitly as posed, with a focus on 'serious offences' and the removal of additional detail beyond the scope of the question".

Yours sincerely,

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