Inquiry into the administration of Commonwealth regulations Submission 2 - Supplementary Submission



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Dear

Correction of evidence

I am writing to correct my response to a question asked during the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit's *Inquiry into the administration of Commonwealth regulations* hearing of Friday, 22 November 2024.

Chair of the Committee, the Hon Linda Burney MP, asked about my views on better practice performance measures for regulator performance reporting and my response included the following statement (proof Hansard, p. 42): '*Since then, we've had more said about performance, with regulator performance reporting under the RMG commencing in July 2023...*'.

I would like to advise that my reference to the 'RMG' was inaccurate, as reporting requirements for Commonwealth entities, including those who perform regulatory functions, stem from the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* and Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014. Resource Management Guide 128: Regulator Performance (RMG 128) provides guidance to support Commonwealth entities who perform regulatory functions to report on their performance in accordance with those obligations.

I would like to correct my statement to reflect that RMG 128 is a guidance document and does not impose any additional reporting requirements on regulators. My suggested wording is as follows: '*Since then, we've had more said about performance, with regulator performance reporting, supported by RMG 128, commencing in July 2023...*'.

Yours sincerely

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