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Dear Mr Palethorpe,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the draft transcript of evidence for the committee's hearing in Melbourne on Tuesday 28 August 2018, in relation to its inquiry into the prevention, investigation and prosecution of industrial deaths in Australia.

Mr Hodgson wishes to clarify his testimony in relation to his response to the final question on page 21 and the ensuing conversation on page 22 of the transcript. Mr Hodgson provided his evidence via telephone and misheard the original question.

Mr Hodgson testifies that whilst he has seen many instances of serious workplace injuries having had no investigation at all by WHS regulators or otherwise, he is unaware of any matter involving a workplace death which has not undergone some form of regulator investigation. Such incidents may be reported to the regulator by entities other than the employer, for example the police.

In respect of workplace deaths, the rigour and quality of those investigations is, in his experience, highly variable.

Yours faithfully,

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