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Dear Mr Hodder

**Corrections**

I wish to correct responses given by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) at the public hearing of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee held on 4 May 2023 for the inquiry into the administration of the referendum into an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

When asked by the Chair, Senator Richard Colbeck, about translation services, I said the AEC uses a range of partners and organisations, including the Aboriginal Interpreter Service. Allow me to clarify, the AEC uses a range of partners and organisations and has commenced discussions with the Aboriginal Interpreter Service.

When asked by Senator Jana Stewart about penalty amounts, AEC Chief Legal Officer Andrew Johnson said if a foreign campaigner then spent money on referendum expenditure, they could be subject to a \$200 penalty unit. Mr Johnson intended to say 200 penalty units.

We trust these corrections assist the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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