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Julia Agostino
Secretary
Standing Committee on Education and Employment
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Agostino

I write in relation to the appearance of Woolworths Limited at the public hearing held on 18 May 2015 before the Committee's inquiry into the impact of Australia's temporary work visa programs on the Australian labour market and on the temporary work visa holders.

Upon reading the Hansard transcript, I thought it would be of assistance to clarify the comments I made to the Committee in relation to Covino no longer supplying Woolworths. Specifically, I refer to my responses to Senator Rice's questions on page 15 of the Hansard transcript.

I would like to clarify that Covino advised Woolworths they were ceasing direct supply to Woolworths the week before the Four Corners program. While Woolworths had raised concerns with Covino regarding compliance with workplace laws previously and again as a result of the Four Corners program, Covino's decision to cease supply was not related to these concerns.

I would also like to add that Woolworths is participating in discussions being led by the National Farmers' Federation and the Produce Marketing Association with regard to a joint industry approach to providing greater protection for workers on Australian temporary visas working in the agriculture supply chain.

Please find attached our responses to matters taken on notice at the hearing.

If the Committee requires any further information or clarification, please feel free to contact me on

Yours sincerely,

Armineh Mardirossian
Head of Corporate Responsibility

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