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Mr Julian Hill MP
Chair
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Chair

In my capacity as Acting First Assistant Secretary, Service Design and Delivery Programs Division, Department of Home Affairs, I appeared before the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit inquiry into the failed visa privatisation process and the implementation of other public sector IT procurements and projects on 19 April 2024.

I have become aware of the need to correct a response that I made to a question from you during the hearing. The question and my response are on page 10 of the Hansard as follows:

CHAIR: *How many people tendered? How many tenderers were there?*

Mr Layton: *I believe we had six tenderers.*

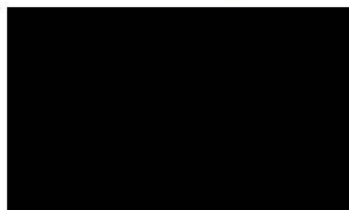
I am providing the following correction to my evidence:

Eight tenders were received in response to the Request for Tender for the Permissions Capability before the specified Closing Time. Three of these failed to meet one or more of the Conditions for Participation and Minimum Content and Format Requirements and, on this basis, were excluded from further consideration. One proposal was received after the closing time. This was deemed a late tender and was also excluded from further consideration. Five tenders proceeded to evaluation.

I note this information is correctly referenced in the Department's submission to the inquiry.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this clarification, which will ensure the correct information has been provided to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit inquiry into the failed visa privatisation process and the implementation of other public sector IT procurements and projects.

Yours sincerely



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