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**Telephone:**

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Ms Lisa Butson  
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Senate Select Committee on COVID-19  
Department of the Senate  
SG.51 Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Butson

I am writing in respect of evidence given during the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 hearing on Friday 30 July 2021 regarding minors registered as not part of a family group in India.

Senator Keneally said 273 minors were in India at the time of the last hearing on 7 May 2021. I said I would check and I can confirm that 173 minors were registered at that time.

I subsequently said that 84 minors had returned on facilitated commercial flights from India since 15 May 2021. I omitted to mention a further 8 minors had returned from India on scheduled commercial flights in that time period. The total is therefore 92.

Yours sincerely

Tony Sheehan