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Dear Ms Matulick

RE: Budget Estimates – Hansard Correction

I am writing to correct my response to a question asked during the Budget Estimates hearing of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee on Tuesday 23 May 2017.

On page 62 of the Proof Committee Hansard, Senator Ketter asked *'If I could start my questioning on the issue of family violence provisions, which were introduced in relation to concerns that some partners might remain in abusive relationships because they felt that they might be forced to leave Australia if they ended their relationships. Can you tell me when those family violence provisions were introduced?'* to which I replied *'I just got the call – it was introduced last year on 18 November'*.

I would like to amend my response to this question as follows:

'I just got the call – the Migration Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2016 was introduced on 16 March 2016 and the Migration Legislation Amendment (2016 Measures No.3) Regulation 2016 was made on 1 September 2016 and came into effect on 18 November 2016.'

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this clarification, which will ensure that correct information has been provided to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee.

Yours sincerely

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