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Dr Michele Bruniges AM

Committee Secretary
Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

I am writing in relation to the Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee 2016-17 Budget Estimates hearing on Friday 6 May 2016.

I wish to correct a statement inadvertently presented in evidence to the Committee in response to a question from Senator Carr (page 102 of Hansard refers) concerning when the caretaker conventions 'cut in'.

I stated that the caretaker conventions cut in "when the writs are issued, I understand". I would like to provide the correct answer to this question, which is that the caretaker period begins at the time the House of Representatives is dissolved. The caretaker period continues until the election result is clear or, if there is a change of government, until the new government is appointed.

I would appreciate if you could draw this fact to the attention of the Committee and apologise for any inconvenience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele Bruniges".

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