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Dear Ms Agostino

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) recently discovered two errors in the advice it provided to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee through the estimates process. The errors related to the number of redundancies that occurred in ACARA in 2014/15, and also a redundancy payment that fell outside of the terms of the ACARA enterprise agreement (EA) that was not advised to the Committee.

Incorrect information provided	Information provided through	Correct information
Number of redundancies in 2014/15 (initial advice of 16, subsequently revised to 15)	Evidence at Budget Estimates (4 June 2015) hearing; Questions on notice: SQ15-000290 and SQ15-000295; Evidence at Supplementary Budget Estimates (21 October 2015)	20
No additional payments were made to people made redundant in 2014/15. All payments were as per the ACARA EA 2012-2016.	Question on notice: SQ15-000295	One employee received an ex-gratia payment of \$21,957. This was over and above payment under the EA.

The correct information in relation to the number of redundancies that occurred in 2014/15 will also be provided through QoN SQ15-000684.

Please accept my apologies for the incorrect information provided, which was caused by an administrative error and only identified following the 21 October Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing. This issue has resulted in a change of procedures and reconciliations to ensure accurate information is provided in future.

Yours sincerely

Robert Randall
Chief Executive