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Ms Lyn Beverley Committee Secretary Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

#### Dear Ms Beverley

I wish to advise of the following corrections and clarifications to the record in relation to evidence provided at the Additional Estimates hearings on 27 February and 3 March 2017, regarding the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) portfolio.

## Monday 27 February 2017

1. Pages 56 and 57

**Mr McKinnon:** I will just call my colleague HK Yu, who looks after the International Division, who I hope will have more detail.

Senator WONG: Thank you.

Ms Yu: The call did take place on 28 January, which was a Sunday. We did know about the call proceeding, but we had no role in organising the call. That was actually done directly from the Prime Minister's office with their counterparts, I believe, but we do not have the details of how they organised the call.

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**Ms Yu:** Apologies again—it was just a bit vague because of the time difference, but the call went ahead Sunday morning our time. We do not actually have the exact time—PM&C does not have the exact time because we were not present for the call. However, we did get a confirmation that the call had gone through at around 11 AM or 12 PM on Sunday.

The telephone call occurred on Sunday 29 January 2017 (AEST).

## Friday 3 March 2017

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**Mr Maher:** Year to date we have purchased provided funding for the purchase of one property. Our target for the full year will be three.

**Mr Maher:** No, that is Murrayfield. That is a sheep/wool station that is managed by the ILC Group (managed by NIPE). The property that we are talking about is up in the northwest area of Tasmania.

**Ms Button:** The property has been purchased as part of a co-contribution with others, including philanthropic sponsors. The property was purchased and divested immediately to Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania.

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### 2. Page 8:

Ms Lindsay: The value of Ayers Rock Resort, as I said before, at 30 June was \$300 million.

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Senator SIEWERT: I was not sure if that was what you called it.

Mr Maher: Yes. Just call it NIPE. It is 102 head count, of which 45 per cent are Indigenous.

**Mr Maher:** The operating surplus is, from memory, \$5.7 million for all ILC Group agribusiness including NIPE, which was invested.

#### 4. Page 29

...financial year. We need more up-to-date figures. Can you tell me the total number from July 2015 to now of no show, no pay? Do you have that?

Ms Field: Yes, I can. It is 201,651.

The total number of financial penalties from 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2016 was 201,651. The number of 'No Show No Pay' penalties from 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2016 was 170,985.

### 5. Page 49:

**Ms Hefren-Webb:** The centres that are funded by the Department of Education, as you know, are subject to some reforms in the context of the government's childcare legislation. We are in very active discussions with the Department of Education about how those services will be supported through that transition, should the legislation pass, and where it is most appropriate for them to receive ongoing support. We have 11 Budget Based Funded childcare centres. How many others would there be that are funded out of the Department of Education?

Ms Beck: There are about 300 in total.

PM&C do not fund Budget Based Funded childcare centres. To clarify, PM&C funds 14 child care services, of which seven were former Budget Based Funded services. These services are likely to transition to the new child care funding arrangements, subject to the passage of legislation, and will receive targeted support to do so.

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