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Mr Tim Watling
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Senate Standing Committee on Education,
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Dear Mr Watling

In compiling a response to the recent Additional Estimates hearing held in February 2013, it has come to my attention that there is a need to correct a response to a previous Supplementary Estimates hearing - Question on Notice (EW0482_13) which was provided to the committee on 7 February 2013.

In Question on Notice EW0482_13, relating to the Cost of Legal Services for the financial year to date for 2012/13, Senator Back asked in writing:

- "1. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
2. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
3. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
4. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs."

The response provided by Comcare for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 October 2012 was:

1. "\$3,578,568"
2. "\$229,281"
3. "\$532,812"
4. "\$11,207".

Correction – EW0482_13 be amended to read:

1. "Comcare: "\$2,602,916"
2. "Comcare: "\$1,793,391"
3. "Comcare: "\$1,972,590"
4. "Comcare: "\$101,606"

Yours sincerely

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