



MERIT PROTECTION COMMISSIONER

Ms Christine McDonald
Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee
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Dear Ms McDonald

I write to correct evidence provided to the Committee at the Additional Estimates hearing on 13 February 2012 about the number of review of action cases involving bullying and harassment.

I sought to provide context to a statement made by the Public Service Commissioner, Mr Sedgwick, regarding the number of cases in 2010–11 where a breach of the Code of Conduct was determined against an APS employee for bullying and harassment.

I incorrectly stated that of the cases involving findings of breaches of the Code of Conduct that came to me for review, four were for bullying and harassment. The correct number of cases was three.

My amended statement should read:

Ms Godwin: Just to give you a bit of context about how this flows through: of the 46 cases—I think it was 46 or 47—that the Commissioner referred to had been investigated within an agency, those people then have a right of review if they are unhappy with the outcome of that case. Those cases come to me and, of the cases for 2010–11 that came through to me, only three were issues to do with bullying and harassment.

Yours sincerely

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