



Australian Government
Department of Human Services

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

I am writing to you in relation to evidence provided by officers from the Human Services Portfolio at the 28 May 2009 Budget Estimates hearings of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration (the Committee).

Subsequent to the hearings, officers from the Human Services Portfolio who appeared before the Committee have reviewed the proof copy of Hansard and checked departmental records. As a consequence, I would like to submit the below correction and clarification.

Evidence of Minister Ludwig

Correction of Evidence

At Hansard page F&PA 63, Hansard recorded the Minister quoting a figure for international child support debt of \$281 billion. This should read \$281 **million**.

Evidence of Ms Gale, Department of Human Services

Clarification of evidence recorded in Hansard on page F&PA 59

Ms Gale gave evidence that 24 positions were transferred from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). This figure represented an estimate of the number of positions needed in 2009-10 for the Job Capacity Assessments (JCA) program to undertake existing and additional work associated with the 2009-10 Budget. The JCA program, including existing program and new measures, was subsequently transferred to DEEWR (refer "Job capacity assessments – additional assessments" page 168 of Budget Paper No 2 2009-10).

The number of existing DHS staff associated with the JCA program transferring to DEEWR will be 15.

Should you require any further information in relation to this correction, please do not hesitate to contact Neil Skill, Assistant Secretary, Portfolio Coordination and Parliamentary, on 02 6223 4700.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Helen Williams', with a stylized, cursive script.

Helen Williams

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