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Attorney-General's Department

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Mr Tim Bryant
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on
Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Bryant

Clarifications and corrections to Hansard

Further to the Attorney-General's Department letter of clarifications and corrections to Hansard dated 5 July 2013 in relation to the Budget Estimates hearing of 29-30 May 2013, I wish to inform the Committee of an additional clarification to evidence provided.

Wednesday 29 May 2013

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On pages 126 and 127 of the transcript, in an exchange with Senator Ludlam in relation to consultations undertaken in 2009 with the telecommunications industry regarding data retention, it was stated that this consultation was undertaken on the initiative of officers of the Department in the course of developing policy.

A recent review of Departmental files has highlighted that in 2009 the Department sought and received the then Government's authorisation for the relevant consultations to be undertaken. As such, the Department would like to clarify its evidence.

The action officer for this matter is Anna Gordon who can be contacted on (02) 6141 2559.

Yours sincerely

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