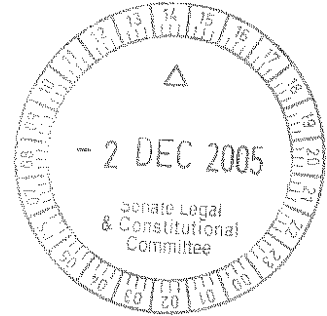




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Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs



Senator Nigel Scullion
Acting Chair
Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator Scullion

I am writing to correct evidence that was provided to the Senate Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee on 1 November 2005 in relation to Outcome 2 of the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

I refer in particular to evidence I provided under Output 2.1, in response to a question from Senator Hurley in relation to the provision of child care and the number of AMEP contracts which had breached contractual obligations in this area.

I wish to inform the committee that in response to this question I indicated that 54 clients had been affected by child care contract breaches in 2004/05. Upon further checking that number should be corrected to 55 clients. I apologise to the Committee for this error.

I would be happy to provide further information on these matters should you or any other members of the Committee have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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