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Mr. Peter Hallahan
Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr. Hallahan

I write to correct evidence that I provided to the Committee on 23 February 2009 during its consideration of the Attorney-General's portfolio additional estimates.

During the hearing, Senator the Hon George Brandis SC asked me the number of staff that were working on the national human rights consultation. I answered that there are six staff with some assistance from staff in the information services area of the Department to assist in maintaining the consultation website.

This answer is not correct. The correct number of staff who currently work primarily on the consultation is seven. In my evidence to the Committee I omitted to include a graduate who recently joined the area as part of her first rotation in the Department.

I would be grateful if you could bring my correction to the attention of the Committee. I apologise to the Committee for providing the incorrect number of staff.

Yours sincerely

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