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Senate Standing Committee on Economics  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Turner

**Estimates Hearing 11 February 2026, Economics Legislation Committee, Department of the Treasury - Proof Committee Hansard, Page 26 and Page 30**

At the above noted Senate Estimates Hearings on 11 February 2026, I provided the following evidence:

**Page 26:** *I'm saying that compared to what—population growth in around the 2010s was about 1.4 per cent, I think. It's now sitting at around 1.5, so we're not seeing significant shifts.*

**Page 30:** *In the population statement that was released in January, in one of the early pages—I'm on page 1 with one of the tables—I was referring to our most recent population growth number, which was 1.5. That's the most recent number. I made reference to an average growth rate, which is in paragraph 2. It says that the average growth rate in population was 1.4 per cent experienced in the 2010s. That was the figure I was referring to.*

This evidence was based on the 2025 Population Statement, published by Treasury's Centre for Population on 9 January 2026. I also took a question on notice (SQ26-000068) that will be tabled in due course.

I am writing to correct my evidence to the Committee. Australia's average annual population growth from December 2009 to December 2019 – the average growth rate experienced in the 2010s – was 1.6 per cent. I further note that the 2025 Population Statement has been updated online with the correct figure.

Yours sincerely,

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