



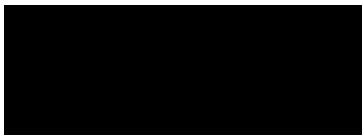
The Secretary
Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Corrections to Evidence – Additional Estimates February 2026

I am writing in relation to evidence provided to the Education and Employment Senate Estimates Legislation Committee during the Additional Estimates hearing held on 11 February 2026.

On behalf of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and associated portfolio entities, clarification of evidence provided at the hearing is included in Attachment A.

Yours sincerely



Ms Penny Edwards
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Corrections to Evidence from 2025-26 Additional Estimates 11 February 2026

Witness Name: Edwina Spanos

Date: Wednesday, 11 Feb 2026

Hansard Reference: On the topic concerning ceasing Workforce Australia licences

Evidence Correction: Page 64

The Hansard states: That represents, at that time—because we've got 41 organisations delivering now. Two organisations completely lost their business with Workforce Australia, so that would be 43 at that time.

The corrected statement is: That represents, at that time—because we've got 41 organisations delivering now. Two organisations completely lost their business with Workforce Australia, and we bought in two new organisations, so that would be 41 at that time.

Witness Name: Edwina Spanos

Date: 11 Feb 2026

Hansard Reference: On the topic concerning ceasing Workforce Australia licences

Evidence Correction: Page 65

The Hansard states: Just to be clear, there were two licences given a one-year extension and placed on a performance improvement plan. There were 12 given a two-year extension and placed on a performance improvement plan. There were three organisations—sorry, it's getting quite technical—given a two-year extension that had other conditions attached. They were things such as delivering services solely in a certain location, because we didn't have another provider there, so we'd want to make sure they committed to that. Another example is we asked an organisation to update their key tender representations. We wanted them to be a bit clearer about what they said they would do so we could hold them to account. I'll give all that information in the response to the question on notice, but I just wanted to be clear there.

The corrected statement is: Just to be clear, there were two licences given a one-year extension and placed on a performance improvement plan. There were 12 licences given a two-year extension and placed on a performance improvement plan. There were three licences—sorry, it's getting quite technical—given a two-year extension that had other conditions attached. They were things such as delivering services solely in a certain location, because we didn't have another provider there, so we'd want to make sure they committed to that. Another example is we asked an organisation to update their key tender representations. We wanted them to be a bit clearer about what they said they would do so we could hold them to account. I'll give all that information in the response to the question on notice, but I just wanted to be clear there.

Witness Name: Ms Faithfull

Date: Wednesday, 11 February 2026

Hansard Reference: Page 65

Evidence Correction: On the topic of government support for apprentices in non-priority occupations

The Hansard states: 'There was a decision of government around non-priority occupations, but I would note that there are a range of other supports available for all apprentices, including apprenticeship loans, the 'living away from home' allowance and the support for employers who are employing apprentices with disability'. There's also a range of supports around, for instance, employers using group training organisations.

The corrected statement is: 'There was a decision of government around non-priority occupations, but I would note that there are a range of other supports available for all apprentices, ~~including apprenticeship loans~~, the 'living away from home' allowance and the support for employers who are employing apprentices with disability'. ~~There's also a range of supports around, for instance, employers using group training organisations.~~

Witness Name: Marie Boland

Date: 11 February 2026

Hansard Reference: Page 94

Evidence Correction: On the topic concerning exposure limits for chemicals

The Hansard states: Look, as part of the process, we provided a draft of the decision regulatory impact statement to members, which I believe is not unusual in these processes.

The corrected statement is: Look, as part of the process, we provided a draft of the decision regulatory impact statement to members, which I believe is not usual in these processes.
