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Corrections to Evidence

I am writing to relation to the Senate Education and Employment Estimates Committee hearing of 12 February 2026, and separately, a University response to a written question on notice from the hearing of 12 March 2025.

On behalf of the University, I attach clarifications to evidence provided to the Committee at the hearing (Attachment A) and separately, the University's response to the question on notice (Attachment B).

Sincerely

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**Corrections to Evidence from the Senate Education and Employment Legislation
Committee Estimates hearing of 12 February 2026**

Witness Name: Professor Rebekah Brown **Hansard Reference:** page 102

Evidence Correction: On the topic concerning payment remediation

The Hansard states:

Yes, that is correct.

The corrected statement is:

Yes, that is mostly correct. To clarify, it was not an audit as such; it provided additional expertise and capacity to support the University's own work. The years were from 2013 to 2023.

Witness Name: Michael Lonergan **Hansard Reference:** page 102

Evidence Correction: On the topic concerning payment remediation

The Hansard states:

Correct.

The corrected statement is:

Correct. That was an estimate at the time.

Witness Name: Mr Michael Lonergan **Hansard Reference:** page 103

Evidence Correction: On the topic concerning payment remediation

The Hansard states:

It relates to casual payments. We are doing a vulnerability assessment. We are aware of many issues across the sector. That's where we're partnering with the FWO around potential issues. There is a piece of work on foot at the moment to understand whether there are further issues for us to—

The corrected statement is:

~~It relates to casual payments.~~ There's no other identified issue yet. We are doing a vulnerability assessment to determine whether there are any other issues. We are aware of many issues across the sector. That's where we're partnering with the FWO around potential issues. There is a piece of work on foot at the moment to understand whether there are further issues for us to—

Witness Name: Professor Rebekah Brown

Hansard Reference: page 103

Evidence Correction: On the topic concerning the number of staff in Interim Vice-Chancellor's Office

The Hansard states:

I have a chief of staff, I have an administrative officer, I have an executive assistant—and this is in my immediate office at this point in time. I have a number of direct reports to the interim vice-chancellor position, not least the six deans, the two deputy vice-chancellors, the chief operating officer and two vice presidents—vice-president advancement and vice-president First Nations. I may have left someone out.

The corrected statement is:

I have a chief of staff, ~~executive officer, communications adviser, I have~~ an administrative officer, and I have an executive assistant—and this is in my immediate office at this point in time. I have a number of direct reports to the interim vice-chancellor position, not least the six deans, the two deputy vice-chancellors, the chief operating officer, ~~Director Regulatory Affairs and Engagement, Director Academic Performance and Productivity, Director Global Institute for Women's Leadership, Director Sir Roland Wilson Foundation~~ and two vice presidents—vice-president advancement and vice-president First Nations. ~~I may have left someone out.~~

Witness Name: Professor Rebekah Brown

Hansard Reference: page 104

Evidence Correction: On the topic concerning consulting and advisory services

The Hansard states:

To my knowledge, CMAX, as a consulting or advisory organisation headquartered here in the ACT, has been retained by ANU ~~for at least five or six years~~—it may be longer—in providing its services, and it is still retained for its services.

The corrected statement is:

To my knowledge, CMAX, as a consulting or advisory organisation headquartered here in the ACT, has been retained by ANU ~~since September 2023~~—it may be longer—in providing its services, and it is still retained for its services.

Witness Name: Professor Rebekah Brown

Hansard Reference: page 104

Evidence Correction: On the topic concerning a new Council member

The Hansard states:

No. The committee was established to ensure that the university could do independent investigations of the allegations that were raised on 12 August last year in this room. The committee is chaired by Andrew Metcalfe, who is a member of council, but he is a new member of council and ~~joined the~~ council after that date.

The corrected statement is:

No. The committee was established to ensure that the university could do independent investigations of the allegations that were raised on 12 August last year in this room. The committee is chaired by Andrew Metcalfe, who is a member of council, but he is a new member of council and **attended** council after that date.

Witness Name: Professor Rebekah Brown

Hansard Reference: page 105

Evidence Correction: On the topic concerning cost of legal support

The Hansard states:

That's correct.

The corrected statement is:

That **figure is** correct. **It was for the Thom review.**

**Correction to ANU response to 2024-25 Additional estimates question on notice AEQ
25-013 of 18 July 2025**

Evidence Correction: On the topic concerning complicity in genocide

In a written question on notice, ANU was asked:

Has ANU received any legal, academic, or diplomatic warnings regarding the risks of maintaining ties with weapons manufacturers supplying arms to Israel? If so, how has ANU responded?

The response stated:

No.

The corrected statement is:

Yes.

For background, the Interim Vice-Chancellor has been informed that academic advice had been provided. ANU thanks the staff member for advising the Interim Vice-Chancellor to inform this correction.

As a more recent update, in February 2026 the Interim Vice-Chancellor noted a further review of the University's Socially Responsible Investment Policy had been commissioned. ANU undertakes to keep the Committee updated, pending the outcomes of the review and final decisions by Council.
