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Correction to evidence – Supplementary Budget Estimates 7 November 2024

Dear Committee Secretary

I am writing in relation to corrections required to evidence presented to the Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee hearing of 7 November 2024.

On behalf of the Australian National University, I attach a correction to Hansard evidence:

- Hansard reference Page 115, Date 7 November 2024 (**Attachment A**)

Sincerely,

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Witness name Mr Churchill

Hansard reference Page 115

Evidence correction On the topic concerning the University's contract with Nous Group.

The Hansard states:

Senator DAVID POCOCK: Is it correct that you've engaged Nous Group? What work are they doing? Is it related to finding savings? What's the scope of that work?

Prof. Bell: I initially engaged the Nous Group a number of months ago to help think about how to look at the role and the changing role of universities in a global landscape. I was interested in what were the ways that universities thought strategically and what was a global survey. Since then, we've been continuing to work with them in order to understand best practice around service infrastructure and support services.

Senator DAVID POCOCK: How much is that contract worth?

Prof. Bell: Provost, you've been most recently associated with that.

Prof. Brown: Our chief operating officer is responsible for this one. I don't know the answer to that question.

Prof. Bell: You're going to punt this one? Oh my God. Jonathan, welcome to the party!

Mr Churchill: We have paid circa \$50,000 so far this year.

Senator DAVID POCOCK: That was 75?

Senator Chisholm: Circa 50.

The corrected statement is:

Mr Churchill: We have engaged Nous Group for two separate contract arrangements so far this year. On 18 March 2024 we engaged Nous for strategic analysis work looking at the role of universities in the global landscape with a value of \$56,034.46. On 12 September, we engaged Nous Group to support a different scope of work to understand best practice around service infrastructure and support services to help ANU achieve long term financial sustainability, the total value is \$837,000.00 (excluding GST) plus travel and expenses, however no payments under this contract have been made to date.