



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

Corrections to Evidence – Supplementary Budget Estimates October 2025

I am writing in relation to evidence provided to the Education and Employment Senate Estimates Legislation Committee during the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing held on 3 December 2025.

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

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Corrections to Evidence from 2025-26 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing 3 December 2025

Witness Name: Anna Faithfull

Date: Wednesday, 3 December 2025

Hansard Reference: Page 62

Evidence Correction: On the topic of number of enrolments in care sector qualifications

The Hansard states: With **free TAFE**, so far we've got **61,500** enrolments in the care sector qualifications, and we've seen that increase there. That seems to be the predominant pathway for people moving through training into employment, but I'll ask Ms Campbell to respond to your specific question around numbers.

The corrected statement is: With **Fee-Free TAFE**, so far we've got **198,666** enrolments in the care sector qualifications, and we've seen that increase there. That seems to be the predominant pathway for people moving through training into employment, but I'll ask Ms Campbell to respond to your specific question around numbers.

Witness Name: Natalie James

Date: Wednesday, 3 December 2025

Hansard Reference: page 63

Evidence Correction: On the topic of number of early childhood education student

The Hansard states: I wouldn't for a moment assume that people doing **fee-free TAFE** in early childhood, the nearly **45,000** from January 2023 to September 2025, aren't also working in the sector.

The corrected statement is: I wouldn't for a moment assume that people doing **Fee-Free TAFE** in early childhood, the nearly **56,000** from January 2023 to September 2025, aren't also working in the sector.

Witness Name: Mr Chris Alach

Date: Wednesday, 3 December 2025

Hansard Reference: Page 64

Evidence Correction: On the topic concerning the national planning level for international student numbers.

The Hansard states: The only published number is the total allocation because that is the only one that matters for the national planning level. That will include VET, **higher ed, CRICOS and ELICOS providers**.

The corrected statement is: The only published number is the total allocation because that is the only one that matters for the national planning level. That will include VET **and higher education CRICOS providers**.

Witness Name: Marie Boland

Date: Wednesday, 3 December 2025

Hansard Reference: Page 87

Evidence Correction: On the topic concerning asbestos in wind turbines.

The Hansard states:

'Safe Work Australia was informed of the asbestos in the wind turbines on **14 November**, and that was through a group called the HWSA Imported Materials with Asbestos Working Group.'

The corrected statement is:

'Safe Work Australia was informed of the asbestos in the wind turbines on **12 November**, and that was through a group called the HWSA Imported Materials with Asbestos Working Group.'
