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Corrections to Evidence – Supplementary Budget Estimates 10 October 2025

I am writing in relation to the Education and Employment Senate Estimates –
Legislation Committee hearing of 10 October 2025.

On behalf of the Department of Education, I attach clarifications to the evidence
provided to the Committee at this hearing. ([Attachment A](#)).

Yours sincerely

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Corrections to Evidence from 2025–26 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing Friday 10 October 2025

Witness Name: Mr Boyd

Hansard Reference: page 6

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning consultancy for this and last financial year.

The Hansard states:

Consultancy for this financial year through to 31 July 2025 is \$4 ½ million for the last financial year was \$13.35 million.

The corrected statement is:

Consultancy expenditure for this financial year through to 31 July 2025 is \$628,000 and for the last financial year was \$14.32 million.

Witness Name: Ms Brighton

Hansard Reference: page 23

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning Commonwealth Teaching Scholarships.

The Hansard states:

These are new scholarships; there are 5,000 scholarships over four years, and we have a very strong application cohort—in the order of 3,000 scholarship applications in the first year.

The corrected statement is:

These are new scholarships; there are 5,000 scholarships over five years, and we have a very strong application cohort—in the order of 3,000 scholarship applications in the first year.

Witness Name: Mr Cook

Hansard Reference: page 50

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning a prohibition in place on a provider from expanding any services.

The Hansard states:

We've put a prohibition on that provider from expanding any services anywhere else in the country, for at least 12 months, until they improve their quality.

The corrected statement is:

We've put a prohibition on that provider from expanding any services within South Australia, for at least 12 months, until they improve their quality.

Witness Name: Mr Reed

Hansard Reference: page 56

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning worker retention payments.

The Hansard states:

There have been 3,047 grants executed, which cover 181,000 workers and 154,000 workers who have actually received a payment—the payments are made monthly.

The corrected statement is:

There have been 3,047 grants executed, which cover 181,000 workers and 154,000 workers who have actually received a payment—the payments are made four-weekly.

Witness Name: Mr Reed

Hansard Reference: page 61

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning the application deadline for backdated worker retention payments.

The Hansard states:

The government did decide to extend it by an extra three months, and again a lot of engagement and communication went out to the sector around the requirement to apply by 30 **June** to receive the payment, but there are no current plans to extend that.

The corrected statement is:

The government did decide to extend it by an extra three months, and again a lot of engagement and communication went out to the sector around the requirement to apply by 30 **September** to receive the payment, but there are no current plans to extend that.
