DEPUTY SECRETARY ENABLING SERVICES AND COMMEMORATIONS GROUP

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Senator Raff Ciccone Chair, Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Ciccone.

I write to correct evidence that I presented at the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing for the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade held on 15 February 2023 relating to staff headcount numbers for June 2021 for the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA).

DVA received a Question on Notice (QoN) with regard to the total headcount for DVA staff. Whilst the team were investigating the input for the QoN response it was noted incorrect information was provided on the night of the hearing. Page 110 of the proof *Hansard* notes that the headcount for June 2021 was 3,067. The correct figure is 3,097, this figure will be provided to Senator Cadell in the DVA QoN response.

I would be grateful if you could provide this correction to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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