



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SERVICES

Ms Ann Palmer  
Secretary  
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Palmer

**Additional Estimates—Department of Parliamentary Services**

I would like to clarify evidence that I provided to the Committee on 26 February 2018 with reference to p.23 of the Hansard transcript.

During the hearing for DPS, I responded to questioning from Senator Kitching as follows:

**Senator KITCHING:** And you made an assessment by tasting it.

**Mr Anderson:** Correct.

I would like to clarify that the answer of ‘Correct’ related to my having discerned the exact nature of the substance in question upon having tasted it and did not refer to the risk assessment process used to establish the type of incident this was. The substance was only tasted after I had already determined that it was a type 1 non-suspicious incident.

I would appreciate you bringing this to the attention of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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