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

Dear Ms Palmer

I wish to advise of the following corrections and clarifications to the record in relation to evidence provided at the Additional Estimates Hearing on Monday 18 February and Friday 22 February 2019, regarding the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.

Monday 18 February

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Dr Baxter: I'll just check that, but my understanding is that he received \$180,000 – that the \$218,000 **\$378,000** was for consultants more generally.

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Ms Furnell: The review team has hired four additional contractors—**three additional consultants**. One is Qualtrics, who is engaged to conduct a student survey. A data analyst has been engaged to help us analyse the public submissions.

Friday 22 February

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Mr Tallis: I think under our partnership model we try to enhance and work with the tertiary sector. The education sector have something to benefit and gain in regard to adding to our product but also our mentoring program—our Indigenous businesses ourselves. We have a lot of people who, like I said before, ~~go out and start those who enter business usually mentor and support their families and communities, pass that business skill on.~~ training with people. The Indigenous Affairs portfolio, from my personal belief, can't be addressed by IBA singly. We certainly play the role across the whole gamut in regard to what we are doing, but I believe that economic is the way out for a lot of our people. The update—what my CEO, Rajiv, has talked about—in regard to the last 18 months, we've certainly seen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people wanting to take advantage of economic development, wanting to own a home and wanting to get into business. So the more we can actually invest into this area I think will go a long way towards closing the gap.

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Mr Denny: On their own they're at least 50 per cent Aboriginal owned controlled. I don't believe they're registered under, for example, the CATSI Act as an Indigenous organisation.

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Mr Denny: Senator DODSON: Are providing CDP to six regions?

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Mr Denny: I can tell you the six current regions. These were mostly contracted in 2013, so they've been in these regions for a long time. They are: region 31, which is in Katherine; ~~region 35, which is Darwin Daly;~~ region 37, which is West Arnhem; region 51, Wellesley Islands—

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Ms Sharp: I'm just pulling up the exact date, but the contract itself ran from 4-~~6~~ July 2017 to 31 October 2017. ~~1 January 2018.~~

Senator McALLISTER: So it was 4 July 2017 to—

Ms Sharp: ~~31 October 2017.~~ ~~1 January 2018.~~

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Ms Sharp: I think the way I received it was a Word PDF document in an email from the minister's office.

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Mr Denny: I can say that there are six CDP providers that will exit the program and then there will be 12 new providers delivering CDP, and ~~33~~ ~~34~~ continuing providers.

Should you require further information, please contact Mr Jarrod McAlister on
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Yours sincerely

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