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Ms Sarah Redden Committee Secretary Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Redden

I write to correct evidence I provided at the hearing of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee on 14 February 2022.

In response to a question from Senator Gallagher, that appears on page 26 of the Hansard, I stated that the Department had not provided a brief to the Prime Minister for a phone call with the Chancellor of Germany, Olaf Scholz. The Department did in fact provide a brief to the Prime Minister's Office on 8 February 2022 to support a call with Chancellor Scholz.

Yours sincerely

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