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Senator James Paterson
Chair
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
By email: fpa.sen@aph.gov.au

Dear Senator Paterson,

I wish to clarify evidence and correct a statement made in response to the Committee's questions asked of me during the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee Budget Estimates hearing on 21 May 2018.

Further to the evidence provided to the Committee, in response to Senator Watt's questions about the request from Mr Stephen Jones MP to audit the Regional Jobs Investment Packages (RJIP) (page 127 of Proof Committee Hansard), I wish to inform the Committee that the Hon. Dr Mike Kelly MP also wrote to me requesting an audit of RJIP and I responded in similar terms. That is, the audit will be considered in light of the development of the ANAO's forward work program. A copy of the correspondence is published on the ANAO website [here](#).

Secondly, I apologise to the committee that the amount of \$75.2 million stated in evidence in response to Senator Smith's question '... what is the total appropriation for the ANAO' (page 129 of Proof Committee Hansard), was the departmental total from table 2.1.1 in the ANAO's Portfolio Budget Statements 2018-19 (page 115). The appropriation amounts to be received in the 2018-19 budget, as set out in that table are as follows:

- Departmental appropriation – \$69,329 million
- Special appropriation – \$0.748 million (in accordance with the *Auditor-General Act 1997*, Schedule 1 sections 3 and 7 - Unlimited amount for remuneration of the Auditor-General).

Yours sincerely

Grant Hehir

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