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

Dear Ms Palmer

Budget Estimates 2020-21 Correction to Question on Notice 143

I am writing to correct the answer to Question on Notice 143, regarding staff travel, from the Budget Estimates hearing on 19 October 2020.

In the response the Department of Parliamentary Services reported that the total cost for staff travel for the period 1 July 2019 – 31 December 2019 was \$210,483.63. This is not accurate as \$10,092.72 was incorrectly coded as travel expenditure within the department's financial reporting system. This accrual was adjusted in the second half of 2019-20 and has now been moved to general supplier expenditure.

Further, the response reported the total cost for staff travel for the period 1 July 2020 – 30 September 2020 was \$21,670.87. This is also not accurate as \$1,997.27 was incorrectly coded as travel expenditure. This amount has now been moved to general supplier expenditure.

I have attached an amended response to Question on Notice 143. I would be grateful if you could draw this to the Committee's attention.

Yours sincerely

Rob Stefanic
Secretary
2 February 2021

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Parliamentary Departments

Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: Staff travel

Senator: Kitching

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Question:

What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020.

Answer:

1 July 2019 - 31 December 2019	\$200,390.91
1 January 2020 - 30 June 2020	\$90,745.00
1 July 2020 - 30 September 2020	\$19,673.60

The bulk of travel costs result from travel associated with Hansard and audio-visual staff working to support House of Representatives, Senate and Joint committees.