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

Dear Ms Redden

I would like to provide clarification of evidence by me at the hearing of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee on 20 October 2020.

In response to a question from Senator Wong, I stated that there “was roughly an 80-20 split between extreme right-wing terrorism when it comes to countering violent extremism and what might be broadly grouped as Islamist extremism.”

I mistakenly inverted the percentages and what I intended to say was, “when it comes to countering violent extremism, there is an 80-20 split between what might be broadly grouped as Islamist extremism and extreme right-wing terrorism.”

Yours sincerely

~~Lachlan M. Colquhoun~~  
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