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

Dear Ms Redden

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

In addressing a question from Deputy Chair, Senator Tim Ayres on whether the Commission had considered or given any advice to government about the impact of the recession on Australian women, I answered that we had not.

I would like to confirm that the National COVID-19 Commission (NCC) Advisory Board has not provided advice to Government on this matter. Consistent with our responses to Questions on Notice 0136 (26 June 2020) and 0195 (11 August 2020) for the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19, the NCC Advisory Board has considered issues around impacts on women's workforce participation.

Yours sincerely

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