

29 November 2022

Mr Patrick Hodder
Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA, AC 2600

Dear Mr Hodder

Correction Statements to Budget Estimates Hearing 7 November 2022

I write to correct my responses to questions asked during the Budget Estimate Hearings of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee, on Monday 7 November, 2022.

1. Senator Shoebridge stated 'As at 30 June, 23 eligible workers had come into your organisation under that program....' and I replied: 'That's incorrect. There are 223 who actually nominated to come across....' Senator Shoebridge then responded: 'So you have 219 effectively.'

This data is incorrect. The correct number of affected workers who had commenced work at ASC at 30 June 2022 was 179 of the 29 workers who had accepted positions with the company.

2. In answer to a question from Senator Shoebridge regarding the length of the Sovereign Submarine Talent Pool (SSTP) Management Services Agreement (MSA), I stated that the contract was initially for three years with the option of two one-year extensions. The correct contract term is three years with options for a two-year renewal and a further one-year renewal.

In answer to a question from Senator Shoebridge regarding when the SSTP MSA commenced, I stated that it was approximately six months ago. However, the program commenced on February 14, 2022. Therefore, it had commenced almost nine months before 7 November 2022.

4. ASC's Chief Financial Officer, Mr Ashley Menadue, also referred to a six-month period, rather than almost eight months in a follow-up question regarding SSTP costs to 30 September 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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