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Ms Ann Palmer  
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Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
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Dear Ms Palmer

I wish to advise of the following corrections to the record due to transcription errors and corrections to evidence in the Proof Committee Hansard at the Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing on Monday 21 October 2019.

#### *Transcription errors*

##### Page 121

The title should read 'Workplace Gender Equality Agency **and Office for Women**'

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**Ms Hawkins:** Since the last estimates I have been appointed as the new head of the Office for Women, which, as you know, is a division in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. **s**So it is **any my** first time appearing before this committee.

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**Ms Bogaart:** On a real-time national toll, the Australian Institute of Criminology, AIC, has been reporting its National Homicide Monitoring Program for the past 25 years. The AIC compiles homicide data from state and territory police and coronial records, including deaths due to intimate partner violence. The data is credibly sourced through law enforcement, the National Coronial Information System and also other data sources as appropriate. It provides trend data which does inform government policy. The data is updated every two years. The Australian **g**Government does rely on that data, as well as data from a range of other sources, including the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety, in forming and developing government policy. It's really important that the government uses data that's evidence based to inform its policy development. We do have to be careful to take the time to verify the needs of balanced and timely release of information.

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**Senator McAllister:** I wanted to ask some questions about the Retirement Income Review. Was the Office for Women consulted before the government announced the Retirement Income Review?

**Ms Hawkins:** We were **not** consulted.

*Corrections to evidence*

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The guidance that is on our website still was put up in ~~2001~~ 2011.

Yours sincerely

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First Assistant Secretary  
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