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

Dear Mr Craft

I write to correct evidence I provided to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee at the 2025-26 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on 7 October 2025.

At the hearing, Senator Paterson asked about the appointment process for Mr Mike Kaiser, Secretary of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

In response, I stated that Mr Kaiser's appointment occurred through a closed competitive process consistent with almost all secretary appointments. I also stated that the only process I was aware of that involved public advertising of the role was with respect to the position of Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (p. 87, Proof Committee Hansard).

I would like to add that the role of Secretary of the Department of Social Services was also advertised in 2024.

Please accept my apologies that this correction is required.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Walter'.

Andrew Walter
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