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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
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Dear Secretary,

Clarification of evidence

I write to you concerning evidence provided to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee on 3 March 2020.

The Federal Court of Australia has identified the following clarification:

Evidence of Ms Sia Lagos, Acting Chief Executive Officer and Principal Registrar of the Federal Court of Australia

On page 87 of the transcript, following the Chair's welcome, Ms Lagos made comments about her capacity as the acting Chief Executive Officer and Principal Registrar of the Federal Court of Australia. Ms Lagos stated:

As the acting CEO, I'm also the *head of the accountable authority* for the Federal Court entity that has the responsibility for the appropriations of the Federal Court, the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court ... (emphasis added)

Rather than the 'head of the accountable authority', Ms Lagos is the 'accountable authority' of the listed entity known as the Federal Court of Australia (for the purposes of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (Cth), among other laws) by virtue of paragraph 18ZB(c) of the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976* (Cth).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at

Yours faithfully

Scott Tredwell
Acting Deputy Principal Registrar
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