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Senator Sarah Henderson Committee Chair Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee PO Box 6100 Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Henderson

The Home Affairs Portfolio appeared before the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee at its Additional Estimates hearing on Monday, 22 March 2021.

I gave evidence to the Senate in my capacity as Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Law Enforcement Group. I have reviewed the Hansard record and become aware of the need to correct a response I gave to a question from Senator McKim.

The reference for correction commences on page 129 of the Hansard in response to the following question from Senator McKim:

"...When do you expect to be able to provide advice to Government on your consideration of phase 2, which, as I understand it, includes the consideration of the tranche 2 provisions?"

My response was

"As soon as possible. Work is being done in relation to that phase 2 for Government's consideration."

I wish to correct that evidence. Advice on a further phase (phase 2) of anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing legislative reform was before Government when I gave evidence on 22 March 2021.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this correction.

Yours sincerely

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