

Committee Secretary Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee PO Box 6100 Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Committee Secretary

Clarification to Hansard - Additional Estimates hearing on Tuesday, 15 February 2022

I write to provide a clarification to evidence I gave to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs during the Additional Estimates hearing on Tuesday, 15 February 2022.

On page 10 of the transcript, in response to a question from Senator Waters regarding whether there the department was aware allegations of non-compliance with the model litigant obligations in the *Legal Services Directions 2017* in respect of the High Court Workplace Claims.

Ms Jones: We wouldn't pre-empt it. As Ms Harvey said, we will engage with Comcare. As far as I am aware, we have not been advised of any formal complaints raised by the claimants' lawyers but we would need to check that that and take it on notice. As Ms Harvey has indicated, the department will contact Comcare.

I wish to clarify that the department will contact Comcover, rather than Comcare.

The action officer for this matter is

who can be contacted on

Yours sincerely

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