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Senator Jana Stewart
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Senate Estimates Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
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Dear Chair,

I was invited to speak at the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee on 10 February 2026.

In responding to a question from Senator Malcolm Roberts, I misspoke and am seeking to clarify my response in the official Hansard record.

The reference for correction in on page 118, and is as follows:

Senator ROBERTS: The Australian National Imams Council has called for an end to the use of words like 'radical Islam' and 'extremist Islam'. The Australian National Imams Council leader, Sheikh Shadi Alsuleiman, has gone further and declared that terrorism and Islam should not be linked at all. Your report failed to mention Islamic terrorism. Will you now correct that omission you have on your statement, and discuss the link between Islamic terrorism and Islam? Feel free to include Bondi.

Mr Malik: Yes. I've actually just finished writing an article. The first topic I dedicated to you. It should be out in a few weeks. I answer that question very specifically. Again, one needs to understand the history of Islam rather than going on YouTube or TikTok. The Prophet Muhammad, who's seen as the sole authority in Islam, said two people would be denied paradise, and the first one is a religious extremist.

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I am providing the following correction of evidence in response to this question:

“The Prophet Muhamad who is seen as the sole authority in Islam, said two people will be denied his intercession. And the first one is a religious extremist.”

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this clarification, which will ensure that the correct information has been provided to the Committee.

Your sincerely,



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