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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Dear Committee Secretary

Clarification to Hansard – Estimates hearing on 27 May 2021

I am writing to provide some clarifications to evidence the Disability Royal Commission gave to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee during the Estimates hearing on 27 May 2021.

On p 36 of the transcript, in response to a question from Senator Steele-John regarding the size of the police team attached to the Disability Royal Commission, I said:

Mr Cronan: I simply said there would be a resource impact given the size of our police team, which runs to three people.

I wish to clarify that the police investigation team consists of four serving police officers and one intelligence analyst.

On p 36 of the transcript, in response to a statement from Senator Steele-John that the size of the Disability Royal Commission's police team was three I said:

Mr Cronan: Correct.

I wish to clarify that the police investigation team consists of four serving police officers and one intelligence analyst.

On p 37 of the transcript, in response to a question from Senator Steele-John regarding the size of the police team attached to the Disability Royal Commission, I said:

Mr Cronan: I think the size of the team is actually four but we currently have three staff.

I wish to clarify that the police investigation team consists of four serving police officers and one intelligence analyst.

On p 37 of the transcript, in response to a question from Senator Steele-John regarding the size of the police team attached to the Disability Royal Commission, I said:

Mr Cronan: What I can say is that the three or four, when all positions are filled, are considered sufficient by our legal team to undertake the work that we require them to do.

I wish to clarify that the police investigation team consists of four serving police officers and one intelligence analyst.

On p 38 of the transcript, in response to a question from Senator Carr regarding the vacancies for the Disability Royal Commission, I said:

Mr Cronan: I'll just ask Ms Appleton. The number when we looked at this a week or so ago was about nine staff members. Is that correct?

Ms Appleton: Yes, we currently have nine vacancies.

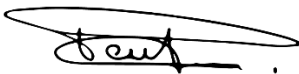
I wish to clarify that the number of vacancies was twenty four.

The staffing numbers referred to at the hearing of 27 May 2021 (186 staff) incorrectly included 15 staff employed by the Australian Government Solicitor, but deployed to the Royal Commission under a MOU arrangement for provision of legal services.

The Disability Royal Commission will also note these clarifications in its response to a question on notice concerning the size of the Royal Commission's police investigation team (Question Number LCC-BE21-85) and a question on notice concerning how many of our vacancies were people with disability who resigned (Question Number LCC-BE21-87).

The action officer for this matter is Rachael Roberts-Richmond who can be contacted on (02) 7206 5438.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Cronan', enclosed within a large, loopy oval scribble.

Paul Cronan AM
Official Secretary