



## Administrative Appeals Tribunal

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Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee  
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Dear Secretary

### **Clarifications to Hansard**

I write to you concerning evidence provided to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs during the Budget Estimates hearing on 5 April 2022.

The Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) has identified the following evidence that requires clarification.

#### Evidence of Mr Jamie Crew, then acting Registrar, AAT

On page 5 of the transcript, in response to a question from the Chair about changes to the way part-time members are paid, Mr Crew said:

**Mr Crew:** As we may have indicated previously, there has been a move to part-time timesheets. All divisions are now operating with part-time members under a time-recording system, where they record their time for a daily fee. That is now rolled out across all divisions. There may be, I think, one or maybe two members who were under a previous recording system of finalisations that have been allocated work that hasn't yet been finalised, but we have now rolled out to the rest of the part-time members a time-recording system.

The AAT wishes to clarify that, as at the end of April 2022, there were 8 part-time members with cases in relation to which some work had been undertaken prior to the transition date and for which payment will be made in accordance with the previous pay system.

On page 9 of the transcript, in the context of a discussion about the increasing caseload in the NDIS Division, Mr Crew said:

**Mr Crew:** ... The recent appointments announced three full-time senior members and one part-time senior member to the NDIS division, and there were some other appointments in relation to that division. Also, I think there was the appointment of a new division head to that division to replace the outgoing division head, who was Justice Meagher.

The AAT wishes to clarify that, in relation to the NDIS Division, 3 existing members assigned to the division were reappointed as full-time Senior Members. One new full-time Senior Member and one new part-time Senior Member appointed to the AAT were assigned to the division, and a new full-time Deputy President appointed to the AAT was assigned as Division Head of the NDIS Division.

Yours sincerely

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**Registrar**