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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Dear Committee Secretary

Clarification to Hansard – Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on 7 October 2025

I am writing to clarify evidence I provided to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs during the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on 7 October 2025.

On pages 42 and 43 of the transcript, in response to a question from Senator Hodgins-May regarding the number of sanctions applied to lobbyists who have failed to comply with mandatory reporting obligations, I said:

Ms Chidgey: We'd need to add them up. In 2024-25, there were 29. We haven't got a total for all of the prior years.

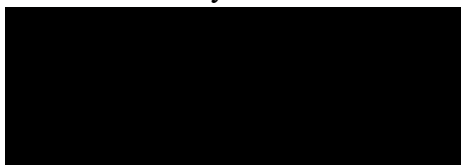
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Ms Chidgey: Having added up those figures, we have removed a lobbyist for non-compliance with mandatory reporting 139 times from 2021-22 to 2024-25.

On 10 November 2025, officers in the Attorney-General's Department identified that the figures provided were incorrect due to an error in the business rules used to compile this data.

The correct figure for the number of sanctions applied in 2024-25 was 35, and the correct figure for the total number of sanctions applied was 136.

Yours sincerely



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