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Dear Dr Thomson

I would like to provide clarification of evidence given at the hearing of the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 held on Tuesday 11 August 2020.

During the hearing, I was asked if the National Federation Reform Council task forces are Committees of Cabinet. I had misunderstood the question and answered in the context of the Reform Committees, which will be Committees of Cabinet. There will be at least six Reform Committees, the first of these – the Skills Committee – was established on 7 August 2020.

At the time of the hearing no National Federation Reform Council task forces had been formed. Two have now been established - Indigenous Affairs and Women's Safety – neither are Committees of Cabinet.

Yours sincerely

Stephanie Foster  
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