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Dear Secretary

Clarification of evidence to quality of governance at Australian higher education providers inquiry

Thank you again to the Committee for the opportunity to provide evidence at the Adelaide hearing for the above inquiry. Please find attached our responses to questions on notice, and small amendments to the Proof Hansard. A separate corrections letter from Professor David Lloyd is also attached, which can be published according to standard committee procedure.

In addition, throughout the Hansard, 'Høj' is written as 'Hoj'. We understand this may be due to the limits of the transcription process and request for it to be amended in the final version.

Further, we would like to provide clarification for the public record relating to three matters of evidence provided to the Committee, to be found overleaf.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond with this information.

Yours sincerely

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Corrections from Adelaide University to be published:

Disclosure of consultancies in the Annual Reports:

On page 13 of the Proof Hansard, Professor David Lloyd quotes figures relating to the volume of expenditure on consultants and the process of disclosing those expenditures in the relevant Annual Reports. The data quoted by Professor Lloyd is from the year 2024, not 2022-23 as stated.

Divestment from fossil fuel industries:

On page 13 of the Proof Hansard, Professor Høj notes that the University of Adelaide has worked to divest 99.95 per cent of the University's portfolio of fossil fuel investments. This is correct and also includes divestment from tobacco and controversial weapons. More information about the University's Endowment Fund Policy can be found https://example.com/here.

Correction to question from Senator Barbara Pocock:

On page 28 of the Proof Hansard, Senator Pocock asked the following question of Professor Colin Stirling from Flinders University:

Senator BARBARA POCOCK: Professor Høj pointed out that 99 per cent more of their reserves are held, for example, in fossil fuel investments, none in tobacco. I'd be going from memory, but he also reported on weapons. What can you tell us about your reserves in those three categories?

We note the email from the Committee on 19 November, indicating that this would be corrected in Hansard in line with Professor Høj's evidence that 99.95 per cent of the University of Adelaide's endowment fund is held **outside** fossil fuels, tobacco and controversial weapons. Thank you for this confirmation, and for the Senator's agreement to the amendment.



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