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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Dear Secretary

I write to clarify evidence provided at the hearing on 1 October 2025 of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for the inquiry into the Administrative Review Tribunal and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

On page 2 of the Proof Committee Hansard, in response to a question from Senator Chandler about the annual number of lodgements in the Tribunal's student visa caseload, I said:

Mr Hawkins: For lodgements, in 2022-23 it was 2,057; in 2023-24 it was 11,668. That peak commenced in about April 2023. In 2024-25 it was 32,198, and, from 1 July to 31 August, 5,755.

I wish to clarify my evidence to confirm that the peak in lodgements in the student visa caseload commenced in April 2024.

Yours sincerely

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