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Dear Chair,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide insights into the work of the University Chancellors Council at the hearing for the Senate Inquiry into *the quality of governance at Australian higher education providers*, held in Adelaide on 10 November.

This letter is in response to questions on the operations of Swinburne University of Technology. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Pascale Quester, has provided information to correct details that were previously communicated to myself and the university Council, that were shared with the Senate Committee on the 10 November hearing.

The Vice-Chancellor has recently informed me that the childcare facilities at the Hawthorn Campus have since closed, citing a lack of demand for these services at the university. Prior to my appearance in Adelaide, it was my understanding that these services were still in operation.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Kind regards,

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