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Dear Chair

I appeared at the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security's public hearing on 10 July 2020 in relation to the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill 2020 (the Bill). Upon review of the Hansard record, I wish to correct a response I made to a question from Senator McAllister in relation to the questioning of minors subject to a compulsory questioning warrant.

The reference for correction is on page 60 in response to Senator McAllister's question:

"Doesn't the bill actually require the warrant to be provided to the subject of the warrant?"

My response to the question was:

"Yes. I thought you were asking me how that would actually be done."

I wish to correct my evidence as follows:

The Bill does not require the warrant to be provided to the subject of the warrant. Section 34BH(2)(a) of the Bill provides that the Director-General must cause the subject of the warrant to be given *written notice* of the warrant.

I trust that this information will assist the Committee in its consideration of the Bill.

Yours sincerely

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