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Ms Sarah Redden
Committee Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

By email: FPA.Sen@aph.gov.au

Clarifications to Hansard

Dear Ms Redden

I am writing to you concerning evidence provided to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee during the inquiry into the COAG Legislation Amendment Bill on 27 September 2021.

The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner has the following clarification.

Evidence of Ms Angelene Falk, Australian Information Commissioner

My annual report for last financial year is yet to be released but what it does show is that there are still high numbers of applications being dealt with across government, although a decrease from last year, at around 37,000 applications.

Clarification

The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) wishes to clarify that based on the OAIC's annual report for 2020-21, which is yet to be published, Australian government agencies received **34,797** freedom of information requests in 2020-21.

Yours sincerely

Angelene Falk
Australian Information Commissioner and Privacy Commissioner

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