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Mr Craig Kelly MP  
Chair  
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Dear Chair

#### **CORRECTION OF FACT**

On 24 March 2017, I provided evidence to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement regarding the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission's (ACIC) National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program (Program). I would like to clarify three issues, noted in the Proof Committee Hansard. The following corrections are outlined below:

- On page 29 of the transcript, the Chair, Mr Kelly asked for an update on wastewater analysis. I stated that, *"the report of the first wastewater analysis – it is going to be a quarterly report – will soon be released by the minister."*

The ACIC would like to clarify that the National Wastewater Drug Monitoring Program Report (Report) released in March 2017 is the first of nine unclassified reports to be produced. Three reports are to be released each year.

- On page 30 of the transcript, the Chair, Mr Kelly, asked how wide wastewater analysis is. I stated that *"It is 50 sites across the country, both in urban areas and in rural areas"*.

The ACIC would like to clarify that the Program will monitor wastewater at approximately 50 sites across Australia for the next three years. For the first report, wastewater samples were collected from 51 sites nationally. Of these, 22 sites were located in capital cities and a further 29 regional sites covering a wide range of catchment population sizes.

- On page 30 of the transcript, the Chair, Mr Kelly, asked how many different wastewater plants there would be in Sydney. I stated *"there are eight sites in New South Wales"*.

The ACIC would like to clarify that for the first Report, 10 sites were monitored in New South Wales. Of these, five were located in Sydney and a further five were located in regional sites.

I have enclosed a copy of the report, released on 26 March 2017 for your perusal.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Kelly Bennett, A/g Manager, Strategic Policy on 02 6268 7538.

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