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Dear Secretary

RE: Appearance before the Committee on Monday 10th November 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to present to the Committee at its hearing held in Adelaide.

I write to respectfully request a correction to the Hansard record of my appearance before the Committee on 10 November 2025.

During the hearing, I stated that the Universities did not disclose the volume of expenditure under a referenced contract because the Universities were subject to a confidentiality clause. Upon review of the contract terms, I wish to clarify that the confidentiality clause does not prevent disclosure of the contract value to the Committee.

My earlier statement to the Committee was incorrect, and I apologise for any confusion my earlier statement may have caused.

For accuracy of the public record, I request that the following corrections be made to address the unintentional inaccuracy introduced during answers provided to a specific line of questioning related to this matter (Page 6 and Page 10 of the uncorrected Hansard Record).

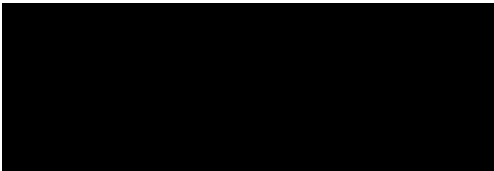
Prof. Lloyd: There is a version of the business case in the public domain which provided for the projections we had on student and staff numbers and the way in which we were going to engage in the transformation of curriculum but which kept some of the commercial components of the case in confidence ~~on the basis that we were subject to commercial contracts.~~

Prof. Lloyd: The case which was released does talk to the benefits which accrue from the nature of the investment. It also talks about the scale of the investment which is going to be made in place. A cost-benefit analysis can be determined from that. ~~The elements which were not put into the public domain specifically relate to commercial contracts with third party providers.~~

Prof. Lloyd: We had contracted with a third party to provide us commercial services, which is exactly the consultancy point you are asking about. ~~We were not in a position under the terms of the contract we had~~ —

Prof. Lloyd: We did release a significant volume of commercial information in the business case—commercial to the institution and the intellectual property which relies on the operation of the university. We did not disclose the volume of expenditure on that contract, ~~because we are subject to a confidentiality clause in that contract~~, which is why I'm asking whether I'm being required to release it now and why I'll take that on notice.

Yours sincerely



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