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Ms Sarah Redden
Acting Committee Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Redden

I would like to provide a correction to my evidence given at the hearing of the Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee for the Inquiry into The Current Capability of the Australian Public Service (APS), held on 5 March 2021.

Below is an extract from Page 36 of the Hansard transcript outlining the evidence I gave:

CHAIR: It says:

The Secretaries Board will conduct an urgent audit of government ICT capability, risks and needs ...

And it goes on. We are in March of 2021 and a survey's been sent out. I don't say that lightly, but it's not the same as an urgent audit that was contemplated. When was this put out? Late 2019. Mr Gaetjens?

Mr Gaetjens: The Thodey report was released in, I think, October 2019. I think the government responded in December 2019.

I would like to correct the date the Thodey Report was released – it was in December 2019, the same time as the Government response was released.

Yours sincerely

Philip Gaetjens

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