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Senator Jana Stewart

Chair

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

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CANBERRA ACT 2000

Via email: legcon.sen@aph.gov.au

Dear Chair

Correction of evidence

On 13 August 2025, I appeared before the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee's inquiry into the Whistleblower Protection Authority Bill 2025.

In my evidence, I said:

"... as far as I can determine, we've never received any resourcing for our functions under the PID [public interest disclosure] regime."

I have subsequently been advised that, prior to the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013* (PID Act) commencing, my Office was provided with some resourcing: commencing in the 2010–11 financial year and terminating in the 2013–14 financial year, my Office was provided with \$1.81m over 4 years to prepare for receiving public interest disclosure functions. Apart from this funding, which pre-dated the PID regime, my Office has received no ongoing funding associated with its functions under the PID Act.

Yours faithfully



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Commonwealth Ombudsman