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Dear Ms Agostino

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment inquiry into the  
operation, regulation and funding of private vocational education and training  
(VET) providers in Australia**

Thank you for your letter emailed on 22 July 2015 with the proof Hansard evidence and questions on notice from the Committee's hearing of 16 July 2015. In the Hansard proof there are a couple of changes marked (see attached). There was also one answer that was incorrect which we would like to have recorded and uploaded onto the additional information accompanying the Hansard.

The discussion in the Committee concerning the Minister responsible for the changes to VET FEE-HELP covered the period of the introduction and subsequent changes. In one exchange, Ms Hewlett responded to a question about the minister responsible for VET FEE HELP in 2008 as being Minister Evans. This is incorrect for that date. The minister responsible for VET FEE HELP in 2008 was the Hon Julia Gillard, MP while Minister Evans had responsibility for later changes.

The answers to the questions on notice are being finalised and will be provided as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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