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Dear Senator Paterson

I am writing to request a Hansard correction to my evidence provided at the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services public hearing on Wednesday, 15 July 2020.

My correction relates to my evidence as detailed in page 5 of the Hansard. See extract below.

Mr GORMAN: The summons issued to him on 7 February 2020 is what I'm interested. I guess I'm interested in more recent history of where that particular proceeding is up to and ASIC's engagement with those proceedings.

Mr Crennan: On 2 April this year, the Brisbane Magistrates Court adjourned the criminal proceedings to a date to be fixed and on 14 April listed the matter for 25 June. On 14 April 2020, Mr Palmer filed an application in the High Court for special leave to appear in relation to the judgement given on 17 March. On 8 May, ASIC filed a response to Mr Palmer. The criminal proceeding has been adjourned for further mention until 27 November 2020.

The evidence I gave related to other criminal proceedings commenced against Mr Palmer, namely a charge associated with his directorship of Palmer Leisure Coolum Pty Ltd.

The summons issued against Mr Palmer on 7 February 2020—and to which Mr Gorman's question was directed—relates to charges arising from Mr Palmer's role as a director of Mineralogy Pty Ltd and certain payments made by that company.

The evidence that I should have provided in response to Mr Gorman's question in relation to the summons issued on the 7 February is as follows:

“The criminal charges were first mentioned before the Brisbane Magistrates’ Court on 20 March 2020, at which time the matters were adjourned for further mention on 17 July 2020. On 17 July 2020, the charges were adjourned for a further mention on 28 August 2020.

The matter is being prosecuted by the Commonwealth Director of Prosecution.”

Yours sincerely

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ASIC Deputy Chair