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**Department of Education,
Skills and Employment**

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The Secretary
COVID-19 Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Thomson

Corrections to Evidence — Senate Select Committee on COVID-19, 19 May 2020

I am writing in relation to the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 Hearing of 19 May 2020.

On behalf of the Department of Education, Skills and Employment I attach clarifications to the evidence provided to the committee at the recent hearing (Attachment A).

Yours sincerely

Jocelyn Ashford
17 June 2020

Witness Name: Dr Ros Baxter

Hansard Reference: 19 May 2020 Page 5

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning Sector Survey

The corrected statement is

Just to round that off with the data that we know about from the survey, we know that, in fact, while it's not a full sample of the sector, it is 54 per cent, so it covered more than 7,000 services.

Witness Name: Nathan Smyth

Hansard Reference: 19 May 2020 Page 20

Evidence Correction:

On the topic concerning the Seasonal Worker Program

The corrected statement is

We have 6,996 still in the country. I can give you a breakdown by state and territory and by home country, but they have remained in Australia.

Witness Name: Dr Ros Baxter

Hansard Reference: 19 May 2020 Page 37

Clarification of evidence:

On the topic concerning Childcare

The corrected statement is

We are aware that there have been some media reports of children not being able to access care. The data points that we have suggest this does remain a small minority of children. We've had about 128 calls and emails about [child care services refusing to accept new enrolments or increase days and/or hours](#) in the department, which is about one one-hundredth of a per cent of the children that we have in care at the moment.
