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Senator the Hon Kim Carr Chair Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Chair,

In my capacity as First Assistant Secretary, Social Cohesion Division, Department of Home Affairs, I appeared before the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee inquiry into Nationhood, National Identity and Democracy on 13 November 2020.

Upon review of the Hansard record, I have become aware of the need to correct a response that I made to a question from you. The particular reference for correction is on page 65 in response to your question:

That's what I'm trying to get to. What have you done?

My response to this question was (in part):

We've got a program which is called the Safer Communities Fund, of \$83 million.

I am providing the following correction to my evidence:

The Safer Communities Fund, to which I referred, is \$81.3 million.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this clarification, which will ensure the correct information has been provided to the Senate Legal and Constitution Affairs References Committee inquiry into Nationhood, National Identity and Democracy.

Yours sincerely

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