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Good morning – I am providing the NSW Ombudsman’s response to the draft proof of evidence from the Committee’s Sydney hearing on 27 August, and to the question on notice during the hearing.

The question on notice from the Committee (p25) concerned our ability to access national policing information in the version of the NSW Police COPS database used by our office. We can advise that the NSW Ombudsman Office version of COPS does not currently allow access to national policing information. In our consultations with the NSW Police, they have confirmed that they can access this information through the National Police Reference System, which is integrated into the COPS database. Upon conducting a search, Police receive a limited summary field of information held by the respective interstate jurisdiction. If deemed necessary, they then send a formal request to that interstate jurisdiction to obtain more contextual information. We will explore with NSW Police the capacity for the NSW Ombudsman’s office to have the same access to interstate information that is currently available to Police.

Our corrections to the proof copy of Hansard are attached for your reference. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about our evidence or the corrections.

Thank you for the opportunity to present evidence to the Committee and to discuss the disability reportable incidents scheme. We would be very happy to discuss and provide further information on any matters relating to violence, abuse and neglect of people with disability, as needed.

Kind regards
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