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Ms Toni Matulick  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Legal  
and Constitutional Affairs  
PO Box 6100  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Matulick

**Clarifications to Hansard**

I write to you concerning evidence provided by officers from the Attorney-General's Portfolio to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs during the Spill-over Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on 12 December 2016.

Officers from the portfolio who provided evidence to the Committee have identified the following clarification:

Evidence of Ms Bogaart, Acting Assistant Secretary, Legal Assistance Branch, Civil Justice Policy and Programmes Division, Attorney-General's Department

On page 39 of the transcript, in responding to Senator Macdonald about the national partnership agreement, Ms Bogaart stated:

**Ms Bogaart:** It was split up at the commencement of the national partnership agreement, on 1 July 2015, using a funding allocation model which was developed by an independent consultant. There are individual funding allocation models each for the CLCs, the legal aid commissions and the Indigenous legal assistance providers, and they use an evidence based model that takes into account drivers of legal need, population, some Commonwealth Grants Commission drivers, et cetera.

The Attorney-General's Department wishes to clarify that funding was split up **at the same time as** the commencement of the national partnership agreement.

The action officer for this matter is [redacted] who can be contacted on [redacted].

Yours sincerely

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