



Australian Government
Department of Education and Training

A/g Deputy Secretary
Deb Efthymiades

Committee Secretary
Education and Employment – Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

I am writing in relation to the Education and Employment – Legislation Committee’s 2015–16 Additional Budget Estimates hearing, 10 February 2016.

I wish to correct a statement inadvertently presented in evidence to the Committee in response to a question from Senator Dastyari (page 113 of Hansard refers) concerning the Australian Government’s decision to use the consumer price index (CPI) as the basis of indexation for selected large demand-driven programmes. CPI has not been applied to all large demand-driven programmes or all portfolios.

The correct answer is that the application of CPI was a Government decision and it was also applied to demand-driven programmes in other portfolios. Further details can be found in the 2014–15 Budget Paper No. 2.

I would appreciate if you could draw this fact to the attention of the Committee and apologise for any inconvenience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Efthymiades', written in a cursive style.

Deb Efthymiades

25 February 2016