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Committee Secretary Senate Standing Committees on Education and Employment PO Box 6100 Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

**Dear Committee Secretary** 

## Request to correct testimony in Proof Hansard, Senate Estimates – 23 October 2014

Chris Enright, the Director of the Regulatory Compliance Branch of the Fair Work Commission, has asked me to write to you regarding a correction to information supplied in the recent Senate Estimates hearing.

On 23 October 2014 Mr Enright appeared before the Education and Employment Legislation Committee Additional Estimates hearing. Senator Ruston asked the following question of Mr Enright (see page 29 of Proof Hansard, 23 October 2014):

What would prevent you from being able to file a return? There are three consecutive returns and a fourth one on its way. What kind of things would prevent you from filing something for that length of time? I will take one step back: when did you receive the returns that have been filed for 2011, 2012 and 2013?

Mr Enright provided the following response:

Each registered organisation is required to lodge its financial return within a specified time period following the end of its financial year, and there are six different financial year endings for the 380 reporting units. For NECA, the financial year ends on 30 June, so the financial return is required to be lodged by 16 January the following year. In NECA's case, for the national office, each of those financial returns have been lodged within those timeframes.

It has come to the attention of the Fair Work Commission that part of the information provided was incorrect. The national office of The National Electrical Contractors Association lodged its 2011 and 2012 financial returns within the statutory timeframe, but the 2013 financial return was lodged one month and 20 days late.

Mr Enright apologises for this error and for any inconvenience caused.

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If you would like to discuss this matter or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ingrid Fraser

Please confirm with Ingrid Fraser when this correction is actioned.

Yours sincerely

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