

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Justice Iain Ross President Fair Work Commission PO Box 1994 Melbourne VICTORIA 3001

26 November 2015

Dear Justice Ross

Re: Letter from Ms Jane Carrigan

The committee has received a letter from Ms Jane Carrigan in relation to evidence you gave at Supplementary Estimates on 22 October 2015. The letter suggests that parts of your evidence require correction or explanation as it may otherwise be misleading.

Parliamentary Privilege Resolution 6 (12): A witness before the Senate or a committee shall not:

(c) give any evidence which the witness knows to be false or misleading in a material particular, or which the witness does not believe on reasonable grounds to be true or substantially true in every material particular.

At a private meeting on 26 November 2015, the Education and Employment Legislation Committee resolved to write to you to provide you with an opportunity to respond to the issues raised by Ms Carrigan in her letter. A copy of Ms Carrigan's letter is enclosed.

Any response you provide will become a committee document and should not be shown to other people before the committee has decided whether to receive and publish it. However, given that committees are required to receive all evidence on the estimates in public session, the committee is likely to publish both Ms Carrigan's letter and your response.

The committee requests that you provide your response by 18 December 2015 and is seeking to conclude this matter before the next estimates hearings in February 2016.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Committee Secretary on 02 6277 3520 if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Senator Bridget McKenzie

Chair, Education and Employment Legislation Committee