



Australian Government
Department of Employment

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Education and Employment
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Dear Committee Secretary

Request to correct error of fact

I am seeking to correct a response I provided at the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on Wednesday 19 October 2016.

I mistakenly advised the committee that "In relation to Queensland Nickel, we have paid **755** claims in that case. There were **728** of those employees who received more than 16 weeks redundancy. The total redundancy component associated with that was **\$45,221**".

This advice was incorrect and should have been *In relation to Queensland Nickel, we have paid **756** claims in that case. There were **729** employees paid redundancy entitlements totalling **\$45.2 million**.*

The Assistant Director at Hansard has advised that we are unable to make a correction through the routine Hansard correction process as it is classified as an addition rather than an alteration or error of fact. It would be appreciated if this could be reviewed as I am concerned that an actual error of fact will be recorded in relation to the number of claims paid and more significantly, the financial amounts paid in relation to Queensland Nickel.

If you would like to discuss further, please call me on 6240 9272.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Debbie Mitchell".

Debbie Mitchell
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