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Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee
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Dear Ms Beverley

Senate Additional Estimates Committee Hearing of 24 February 2014—Clarifications

I am writing to clarify a response that the Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS) provided at the Senate Additional Estimates hearing on Monday, 24 February 2014.

The DPS Estimates response (with the identifying Hansard page number) is listed over the page, with the clarification in the adjacent column.

Yours sincerely

Carol Mills
Secretary
28.2.14

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53	<p>Ms Mills: I will get Karen to elaborate if necessary, but I understand that the discussion was covered in various meetings as they went. Obviously the managers meet regularly with the staff, and this is one of the subjects for discussion. Email advice that outlined the findings of the report went out at the beginning of November, which was concurrent with the first draft. I understand the most detailed discussion was in early February, prior to the recommencement of parliament and when people had come back from leave, and staff were given a link to the full report at the same time it was tabled. Essentially, that January period is awkward anyway. Again, I want to reiterate that this is a trial not to reduce standards and not to cut corners but to see if there are ways in which we can continue to change the way we deliver the <i>Hansard</i>. Perhaps a lesson here is that staff need to be brought on the journey with us more, and I certainly take that on board.</p>	<p>The staff were provided with a copy of the link on 17 February 2014.</p>