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Ms Lyn Beverley  
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Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
The Senate  
Parliament House  
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Dear Ms Beverley

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING – 8 FEBRUARY 2016**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE SENATE**

I would like to clarify my answer to questions asked by Senator Bernardi in relation to whether I had been advised of security incidents in the Senate Car Park.

I have now checked with my office and have been informed that, in relation to tailgating incidents, on 4 December 2016, the Deputy Usher of the Black Rod was informed of an incident involving a pass holder riding a scooter who tailgated twice into the Senate Car Park in the week of 18 November 2015. I do not recall this being brought to my attention at the time.

I would also like to advise that, as my attention during questioning was focused on the matter of tailgating, my answers did not encompass other types of security incidents in the Senate Car Park. In this regard I wish to advise that that I had been informed of two incidents in the Senate Car Park since January 2015. The first occurred on 10 June 2015 and involved an unattended bag left next to a motor bike. The second occurred on 12 November 2015 and involved a car that was left with the engine still running. I was also advised of a third incident occurred on 10 February 2015 in the Senators' Car Park and involved a potentially unsafe use of a power cord to charge a car battery. I apologise for not addressing the breadth of the question during the hearing.

Sincerely

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