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Ms Lyn Beverley Committee Secretary Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Beverley

Correction to Budget Estimates Question on Notice No 50 - Cost of legal services

Following the end of financial year reconciliation, it has come to my attention that the information provided in response to Question on Notice No 50 – Cost of legal services from the May 2015 Senate Estimates hearing was incomplete. One external payment was missed as it had been incorrectly classified in the Department's financial system.

Please find attached an updated response to the question. For completeness, the updated response includes external legal costs up to 30 June 2015, therefore covering the entire 2014–15 financial year.

I apologise if this omission has caused any inconvenience and would be grateful to you for drawing this correction to the committee's attention.

Yours sincerely

Dr Dianne Heriot Acting Secretary

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