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Ms Sophie Dunstone
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on
Legal and Constitutional Affairs
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Dunstone

Clarifications and corrections to Hansard

I write to you concerning evidence provided by officers from the Attorney-General's Portfolio to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs at the Additional Estimates hearing on 24 February 2014.

Officers from the Attorney-General's Portfolio, who provided evidence to the Committee, have identified the following clarifications.

Evidence of Mr Paul Jevtovic APM, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Australian Crime Commission

On page 102 of the transcript, Senator Singh asked the commencement date of Operation Attero. Mr Jevtovic stated that, "Attero started in early 2013 if I recall correctly, but I will get you a precise date."

The Australian Crime Commission would like to clarify that the Operation Attero Taskforce commenced on 14 June 2012.

Evidence of Mr David Irvine AO, Director-General, Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

On page 109 of the transcript, in responding to Senator Edwards' questions regarding budget overruns for the Ben Chifley Building, Mr Irvine AO stated the total cost overruns identified to 24 February 2014 was \$54.3 million.

ASIO wishes to clarify that the total cost overruns identified to 24 February 2014 was \$54.8 million, as agreed between ASIO and the Department of Finance.

Finally, officers have identified a number of corrections to the *Hansard* of 24 February 2014, and these are indicated at Attachment A.

Yours sincerely

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