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Ms Sophie Dunstone
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Ms Dunstone

Clarifications to Hansard

I am writing to clarify evidence provided by me to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs at the Additional Budget Estimates hearing on Tuesday 9 February 2016.

On page 58 of the transcript, in response to Senator Collins' questions regarding court resourcing in Wollongong, I stated that:

The only politician who has raised the matter of Wollongong with me is, in fact, Senator Fierravanti-Wells.

I would like to clarify that on 2 December 2016 my office did receive a letter from The Hon Sharon Bird MP and Mr Stephen Jones MP regarding this issue. My Chief of Staff responded to that letter on 15 January 2016. A similar letter was sent to my office with the additional signature of Ms Ann Sudmalis MP on 3 February 2016. The existence of these letters was not brought to my attention until after the Estimates hearing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'George Brandis', written over a rectangular stamp area.

(George Brandis)