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Ms Sophie Dunstone  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Legal  
and Constitutional Affairs  
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Dear Ms Dunstone

**Clarifications 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 during the Additional Estimates hearing on 9 February 2016.

Officers from the portfolio who provided evidence to the Committee have identified the following clarifications:

Evidence of Ms Innes-Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption

On page 115 of the transcript, in an exchange between Ms Innes-Brown and Senator Collins, Ms Innes-Brown stated:

**Ms Innes-Brown:** Just to enable the Prime Minister and cabinet to provide supervised access to the confidential volume in circumstances where the person given access may only inspect the volume in the presence of an officer of the department.

The Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption would like to clarify that it was the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet that was to provide supervised access.

Evidence of Senator George Brandis QC, Attorney-General

On page 127 of the transcript, in an exchange between Senator Brandis and Senator Siewert, Senator Brandis stated:

**Senator SIEWERT:** I understand that at the moment there is not an anticipated date for the finalisation of this process. Is that correct?

**Senator Brandis:** Senator Siewert, remember that this royal commission is not due to deliver its final report until 30 June 2017.

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse would like to clarify that its final report is due no later than 15 December 2017.

Yours sincerely

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