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Ms Sophie Dunstone  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on  
Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
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Parliament House  
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 20 November and 11 December 2014.

Officers from the Attorney-General's Portfolio, who provided evidence to the Committee, have identified the following clarifications for the 20 November 2014 hearing. There are no clarifications or corrections for the 11 December 2014 hearing.

Evidence for Ministry for the Arts

On page 11 of the transcript, Senator Brandis in answering a question from the Chair responded that the price of the Shiva was \$5 million, and that most of that amount had been raised from private philanthropy.

It should be clarified that while private philanthropy contributed to the purchase, most of the purchase amount was met by the Gallery using funds from Australian Government appropriation.

Also on page 11 of the transcript, Senator Brandis indicated the cost to return the Shiva was \$39,633.96.

It should be clarified that this was the cost to transport two objects (*Shiva* and *Ardhanariswara*), the costs are not attributed to a single item only.

Finally, officers have identified a number of corrections to the *Hansard* of 20 November 2014, and these are indicated at Attachment A.

Yours sincerely

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