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CLARIFICATION OF EVIDENCE Additional Estimates Monday 8 February 2010

We wish to clarify evidence provided at the Additional Estimates hearing on Monday 8 February 2010 concerning the registration process for people attending Community Cabinet meetings.

On page 81 of the Proof Hansard for Monday 8 February 2010 we are quoted as follows:

Senator Ferguson - Can you confirm that list of names, which would then be in your possession, is not passed on to anybody for security checks, for instance?

Ms Beauchamp - That is correct as far as I am aware, but I will confirm that.

Senator Ferguson - So it is not passed on.

Ms Beauchamp – No. As far as I am aware they are not passed on.

Senator Ferguson – If you said to me you needed this list of names because you wanted to do a security check I could understand it. But I cannot understand why you would want to take the names of people attending if you were not going to do a security check.

Ms Beauchamp – As I said, it is purely for logistical reasons so we can validate that was the actual person that attended.

All attendees at Community Cabinet meetings are registered both for logistic purposes and as part of the security overlay. This is done online or by phone with a member of the Community Cabinet Secretariat. Either method requires the attendee to provide the following

- Full Name
- Date of Birth
- Residential Address

The following information is also requested – these details are not mandatory.

- Phone Number
- Mobile Number
- Email address.

This information is used by jurisdictional police to do a security check. This is part of a minimum standard of security, which has been developed by the Protective Security Coordination Branch within the Attorney-General's Department, in consultation with jurisdictional police. The overall security for Community cabinet meetings remains the responsibility of the jurisdictional police. People seeking to register to attend or to have a meeting with a Minister are advised that the information will be provided to the police for security checks.

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