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### **CORRECTION TO EVIDENCE** **Budget Estimates – 23 May 2011**

I wish to correct the record in relation to evidence provided at the Budget Estimates hearing on 23 May 2011 concerning support for the Prime Minister's partner.

On pages 82 to 85 of the Proof Hansard for 23 May 2011, I made a number of statements in response to questions regarding the appointment and duties of a person employed by the Prime Minister's Office to provide support for the Prime Minister's partner, Mr Tim Mathieson.

By way of clarification, I understand the duties of one member of the Prime Minister's staff include providing executive support to Mr Mathieson in relation to his official responsibilities. That staff member is a full time employee who has other responsibilities within the Prime Minister's Office. Approximately 50 per cent of his time is spent supporting Mr Mathieson. This involves a very limited amount of travel. I understand this position has been part of the staff establishment of the Office since the formation of the Gillard Government and is consistent with long-standing practice by previous Ministers.

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