



Australian Government  
Attorney-General's Department

Secretary

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Senator Payne  
Chair  
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Payne

**Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing 31 October 2006**

I wish to correct a statement I made at the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on 31 October 2006.

Senator Crossin inquired about funding for Community Legal Centres. As part of my response, I stated that the Department 'gets about 1.7 per cent' in increased funding. The Hansard reference is L&CA page 123.

The figure of 1.7% is overstated. The net indexation applied to the Department's departmental funding in the 2006-07 Budget was 1.15% comprising 2.4% in indexation less the efficiency dividend of 1.25%.

The action officer for this matter is Trevor Kennedy who can be contacted on 6250 6146.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary

