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Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
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Dear Mr Hallahan

**Correction of statement to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, Legislation Committee**

In response to a question from Senator Barnett during my appearance at the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, Legislation Committee (Supplementary Budget Estimates) on Tuesday, 20 October 2009, I advised that \$4.46 million had been transferred from the Migration Institute of Australia (MIA) to consolidated revenue (page 21 of L&C Hansard). I am writing to correct my evidence.

The \$4.46 million that I referred to was the surplus held by the MIA as at 30 June 2009. Of that amount, \$4.271 million (rounded) was transferred to consolidated revenue by the MIA on 9 October 2009 while approximately \$194 000 went to acquit liabilities that had been incurred, or were due to be paid, in the handover period. A further \$323 616 has been held in reserve by the MIA, with DIAC's agreement, pending resolution of outstanding issues.

I apologise for this error and would be grateful if you could bring this to the attention of the Committee, and Senator Barnett in particular.

Yours sincerely

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