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Dear ActingChair

**Subject: Clarification of evidence/transcript for Budget Estimates hearing**

I write to advise of a clarification to evidence given by myself at the Budget Estimates hearing for Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No.5 Justice and Communities – Families and Communities, Disability Inclusion, on Monday 4 March 2024.

**How many people work for the Office of the Senior Practitioner**

Page 28, paragraph 12 of the transcript currently reads as:

*SIMONE CZECH: In total, 356 FTE.*

*The Hon. TANIA MIHAILUK: So they've transferred out of that work into the department work or do they—*

*Ms KATE WASHINGTON: There are caseworkers within the OSP.*

*The Hon. TANIA MIHAILUK: The OSP. Okay. Of that 356—maybe the department could tell me—how many of them are caseworkers?*

*SIMONE CZECH: Eighty per cent of the 356 are considered frontline. There is a variety of different positions, like I said, from casework support—*

**This should be amended to:**

*The Hon. TANIA MIHAILUK: In total, how many people work for the Office of the Senior Practitioner?*

*SIMONE CZECH: In total, 319 FTE.*

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*SIMONE CZECH: Eighty per cent of the 319 are considered frontline*

Please publish my clarifications above. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on

Yours sincerely,

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