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The Hon Sue Higginson
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Dear Chair

Subject: Clarification of evidence/transcript for Budget Estimates hearing

I write to advise of a clarification to evidence given by myself on 24 October 2022 at the Budget Estimates hearing for Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Regional NSW and Stronger Communities 2022 regarding prison cells.

Page 35 of the transcript currently states:

LEON TAYLOR: The data is held only in Corrective Services' database. It's not connected with other external databases that may also hold biometric data. The system that is replacing the current system is faster. It's safer in terms of cybersecurity.

This should be amended to:

LEON TAYLOR: The data is held at correctional centres on secure servers, as well as at the Vault Cloud* NSW Data Centre, to retain NSW sovereignty. It's not connected with other external databases that may also hold biometric data. The system that is replacing the current system is faster. It's safer in terms of cybersecurity.

***Supporting information:** *Vault Cloud is an Australian Owned and Operated Data Centre provider, built to government Infosec Registered Assessors Program (IRAP) standards, with extensive Department of Defence certifications that provides a secure Government Cloud and one of the only data centres approved for 'protected data'.*

Also on page 35, the transcript currently states:

LEON TAYLOR: The Minister mentioned that it's an enhancement from the current system that if someone doesn't present to one of our facilities within a six-month period, the system deletes their biometric data. When they come, they will need to re-enrol if they have not entered a facility in that period.

This should be amended to:

LEON TAYLOR: The Minister mentioned that it's an enhancement from the current system that if someone doesn't present to one of our facilities within a six-month period, the system deletes their photo. When they come, they will need to re-enrol if they have not entered a facility in that period.

Yours sincerely

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