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Points of clarification arising from proof transcript

- On p1 I note that the number of people of working and retirement age is 1.84 million, this is an error and should read 5.84 million (based on ABS figures, June 2011).
- On p1 at the bottom of the page the transcript quotes me as saying we are finalising a policy review and we are coming up to a five year review of the Working with Children Check. For clarity and to avoid the impression that there are two reviews, this should read 'we are coming up to finalising a paper for the five year statutory review of the Working with Children Check legislation'.
- On p3 in reference to the number of employees in the OCG's annual report, the transcript reflects that I noted that at the end of the last financial year there were 114. To clarify, this does not include Senior Executives. As at 30 June 2016 there were five Senior Executives giving a total of 119. In addition the OCG employed five temporary agency contract staff giving a total of 124, and this total is provided in appendix B at page 99 of the annual report as well.
- On p3 the Crimtrac agency has been replaced by Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission.
- On p3 in reference to inquiry from The Hon Paul Green about fees charged by Crimtrac for the WWCC the transcript indicates that I noted that it is the same fee that everyone across Australia pays. To clarify, it is not full cost recovery as the NSW Government provides recurrent funding to meet the cost of the free volunteer check.
- On p4 the Hon Catherine Cusack sought details of the OCG's reduced consolidated fund allocation for 2015-16 and I note for absolute clarity that in 2015 NSW Treasury introduced cash reforms that required all NSW government agencies to utilise cash balances before drawing down their consolidated fund allocation. This change in funding arrangements for the 2015-16 financial year did not impact on the OCG total expenses budget. The total expenses budget for 2015-16 was funded from a combination of cash balances and recurrent consolidated funding.
- On p8 in relation to the broad range of information that is considered in the WWCC process the transcript reflects me stating that "we have access to the Key Information and Directory [KiDS] system". By way of clarification it is noted that access to this data which is held by the Department of Family and Community Services is by way of exercising the powers available to the Children's Guardian under s31 of the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012* to compel the production of information.
- On p9 in relation to employer's compliance with online verification I can advise that the rates of verification have increased from 61% in 2013-14 to approximately 76% in 2015-16.