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Committee on Children and Young People
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Dear Chair,

Re: Clarification of evidence/transcript for 2024 Review of Annual Reports and Other Matters of the Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People and the Office of the Children's Guardian

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify the evidence I provided to the Committee on Children and Young People during my oversight hearing on 18 March 2024. I have reviewed the uncorrected transcript and wish to correct and clarify the following matters for the record.

On page 4, paragraph 6 I was asked:

Dr Amanda Cohn: I am also really interested in the report that you did about young people's perspectives on vaping. I know NSW Health is rolling out a campaign. Was your office or were the voices of young people consulted or included in the development of that campaign?

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On page 5, paragraph 1 I said:

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On page 8, paragraph 8 I was asked:

Ms Kylie Wilkinson: Is there a review process – is there a time to look at that MoU again? Is it an interim one? Will you be reviewing how it is working?

ZOË ROBINSON: I'll double-check this, but I'm pretty sure that we did it in such a way that it is in existence until such time as either party decides it is no longer in existence.

I am advised the MoU will 'continue to apply until 30 November 2025 or until terminated in writing and providing three months' notice, whichever comes first.'

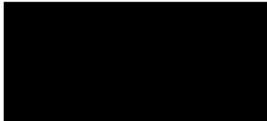
On page 11, paragraph 7, I said:

'In all of our quantitative polling, where we are engaged to do that piece of work, it's obviously in reflection of the age of consent. It's usually that above the age of 12 cohort, and we do call that out as well.'

I am advised that participants for quantitative research are sourced via professional panel provider Octopus. Young people aged 14 - 24 years were sourced directly via Octopus. Octopus also fielded the study with those aged 10 - 13 years, after first obtaining consent from their parents.

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

Yours sincerely,



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