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Dear Madam Chair

## Clarification of evidence before the Committee

I refer to Ms Simpson's letter of 28 February 2013 providing the proof transcript. After reviewing the transcript, I felt it necessary to clarify one element of my evidence.

At pages 12 and 13, I provide information to Mr Evans in relation to the office's work in relation to child sexual abuse. At page 13, I provide information about the response rate in Western New South Wales. It is important to note that this information arose out of our audit of the government response to Aboriginal child sexual assault, and as a result relates to child sexual assault matters only, and not to broader child protection response rates.

I believe this is an important distinction, and would appreciate the inclusion of either this letter alongside the transcript or an amendment or addition to the transcript to make this clear.

Yours sincerely

Bruce Barbour Ombudsman

