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Dear Sir

I write to clarify evidence I gave as Acting Deputy Secretary, Courts and Tribunal Services on 6 October 2016, during the 2016-2017 Budget Estimates inquiry for the Justice Cluster. Having reviewed the uncorrected proof, I wish to draw your attention the following correction and clarification.

On page 2 of the uncorrected transcript, I mistakenly stated that "*Camden Court House is the subject of refurbishment*" in response to the Honourable Lynda Voltz's question: "*Why are the people at Camden being required to travel for two hours to get to a local court*".

My statement was in error. The appropriate response should have been:

The sittings of Camden Courthouse are a subject for the Chief Magistrate. Matters from Camden Local Court, with the exception of Apprehended Violence Order applications, were moved to Picton Local Court at the direction of the Chief Magistrate in July, 2014. In June, 2016 Picton Local Court was severely damaged by flood waters rendering it unusable. At the direction of the Chief Magistrate matters from Camden previously listed at Picton were transferred to Moss Vale. Applications for Apprehended Violence orders have remained listed at Camden 2 days per month. Picton Courthouse is currently the subject of refurbishment and will reopen early in 2017.

I apologise for the lack of clarity and ask that a correction be amended as a footnote in the final transcript.

Yours sincerely

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