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Dear Ms Gould

I write to clarify evidence I gave on 4 September 2018 during the 2018/19 Budget Estimates inquiry for the portfolio of Corrections.

During questioning regarding inmate education programs, I provided figures for participation. Having reviewed the uncorrected transcript, an error was detected as follows:

- **Page 29:** *“Participation in a vocational training program the year I became Minister was 2,900; this year it is 5,289.”*
The statement should have been – *“Participation in a vocational training program the year I became Minister was 2,978; this year it is 5,269.”*

During questioning regarding detainee on detainee assaults in juvenile justice centres, I provided figures for detainee on staff assaults. Having reviewed the uncorrected transcript, an error was detected as follows:

- **Page 5:** *“...since I have been the Minister it has gone down from 158 in 2015 to 145 so far this year. In previous years it was 140 and 149 in 2016 and 2017 respectively.”*
This statement should have been – *“...since I have been the Minister it has gone down from 257 in 2015 to 164 so far this year. In previous years it was 219 and 250 in 2016 and 2017 respectively.”*
- **Page 5:** “Yes, 149 was in 2017?”
This statement should have been – “No, 250 in 2017”
- **Page 5:** *“In 2016 it was 140 and that figure was down from 158 for the previous year.*
This statement should have been – *“In 2016 it was 219 and that figure was down from 257 for the previous year.”*

During questioning, I provided figures regarding the juvenile detainee population. Having reviewed the uncorrected transcript, errors were detected as follows:

- **Page 3:** *“...compared to the first year that I was the Minister, it has come down nearly 20 per cent.”*
This statement should have been – *“...compared to the first year that we came into Government, it has come down nearly 20 per cent.”*

- **Page 8:** *“...since I have been the Minister, Juvenile Justice inmates have gone down by about 20 per cent.”*
This statement should have been – *“...since we came into Government, Juvenile Justice inmates have gone down by about 20 per cent.”*

A statement I made regarding the percentage of juveniles on remand should be corrected as follows:

- **Page 17:** *“59 per cent daily of the number of juvenile detainees...”*
This statement should be - *“59 per cent of the average daily number of juvenile detainees...”*

I request this information be noted for correction in the final transcript.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Elliott', written in a cursive style.

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