



The Hon. Anthony Roberts MP
Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections

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Director – Budget Estimates Secretariat
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
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Dear Director

I write to clarify evidence I gave on 9 March 2021 during the Budget Estimates hearing for the portfolio of Corrections. The following point in regard to the evidence recoded in the Uncorrected Transcript is provided to clarify the statement I made:

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During questioning regarding what measures Corrective Services implemented to deal with the COVID virus, I provided information on the timing of the establishment of the Corrective Services Command Post. It has been brought to my attention that the sequencing of events I provided was not clear. I would like the answer to reflect the appropriate sequencing of events to remove any confusion. The response which commences in the middle of page eight should there be:

To date there have been no confirmed cases among Corrective Services staff working in any New South Wales prison. I can inform you that a healthcare worker at Long Bay Hospital was diagnosed with COVID-19 in March of last year. Close contacts were followed up however were subsequently cleared by NSW Health. In August of last year a Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network nurse at Surry Hills was diagnosed with COVID-19. Corrective Services established a seven-day-a-week central command post to streamline and coordinate the COVID-19 pandemic response in March 2020.

A copy of the page containing my statement is attached. I request this information be noted for correction in the final transcript.

Yours sincerely

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