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Portfolio Committee No. 5 –  
Parliament of NSW  
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Dear Chair

**Subject: Clarification of evidence/transcript for Budget Estimates hearing**

I write to advise of a clarification to evidence given by myself at the Budget Estimates hearing for Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Regional NSW and Stronger Communities, on Monday, 7 March 2022 regarding deaths in custody.

Page 45 of the transcript currently reads as:

**The Hon. TARA MORIARTY:** Following on from that, how many people have died in custody this year and also in the past 12 months?

**KEVIN CORCORAN:** This year, 2021-22, 22 deaths in custody and in 2020-21 there were 29 deaths in custody.

**The Hon. TARA MORIARTY:** You may need to take this on notice, but can I get a breakdown of the causes?

**KEVIN CORCORAN:** In 2021, 13 apparent natural and 16 apparent unnatural. In 2021-22, six apparent natural, five apparent unnatural and 10 cause unknown.

This should be amended to:

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Yours sincerely

KEVIN CORCORAN  
COMMISSIONER