

The Hon. Dr Sarah Kaine, Chair Standing Committee of Social Issues Parliament of New South Wales officeof.mlckaine@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Chair

I write to advise of clarifications to evidence given by myself at the hearing for Standing Committee of Social Issues Inquiry into Procurement practices of government agencies in New South Wales and its impact on the social development of the people of New South Wales on Tuesday, 2 April 2024.

The following statement is recorded on Page 7, paragraph 4 of the uncorrected transcript:

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For clarity and factual accuracy, this should be amended to:

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If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

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