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Re: Correction to Evidence - Budget Estimates Hearing - Portfolio Committee No. 8

Dear Secretariat,

I would like to clarify a statement I made at the Budget Estimates hearing of the Portfolio Committee No. 8 – Customer Service on 5 September 2025.

In response to a question from the Hon Scott Farlow MLC regarding the recruitment process for a new Small Business Commissioner (page 33 of the uncorrected transcript of committee proceedings), I may have inadvertently given the impression that I have had no involvement in the process commenced by the former Minister for Small Business.

In the interests of clarity and transparency: I place on record that the recruitment process commenced by the former Minister for Small Business, which was ultimately unsuccessful, did conclude after my appointment as Minister. A new process to appoint an ongoing Small Business Commissioner will commence shortly.

Ms Ellis will continue to serve as Acting Small Business Commissioner until the new process has concluded.

I thank the Committee for the opportunity to provide this clarification.

Sincerely,

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