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The Hon Robert Borsak MLC  
Acting Chair, Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No 1 – Premier and Finance  
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Dear Mr Borsak

**Re: Budget Estimates March 2020**

I refer to your recent correspondence providing a transcript of the appearance of witnesses in the Finance and Small Business budget estimate hearing on 5 March 2020.

As requested, a copy of extracts from the transcript with marked corrections is enclosed at Tab A. In these extracts, I have indicated the potential errors and my proposed corrections.

During the hearing, I answered a question about data sharing between Revenue NSW and the Fair Work Ombudsman (page 41 of the uncorrected transcript), advising that Revenue NSW obtains information from the Fair Work Ombudsman.

I wish to recall this statement and clarify that Revenue NSW does not obtain datasets from the Fair Work Ombudsman. There are no formal data sharing arrangements between Revenue NSW and the Fair Work Ombudsman.

Additionally, my colleague Stephen Brady answered questions in relation to land tax issues in Haberfield. He advised that 11 files had been identified as impacted (page 63 of the uncorrected transcript).

I wish to recall that statement on his behalf and clarify that Revenue NSW has been working with the Valuer General to identify the impacted customers as a result of the infrastructure work. We have identified 171 files as being impacted. Contact is being made with customers who were issued with erroneous assessments and revised assessments are being issued.

Should you require further information or clarification about these issues, please do not hesitate to contact Ben Hewitt, Commissioner of State Revenue.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Commissioner of State Revenue