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Dear Mr Pettersson

I refer to my appearance before the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion, Annual Reporting hearings on Monday 13 November 2023.

I wish to provide a correction to the record on information provided to the Standing Committee by Ms Deb Efthymiades. I refer to question asked by yourself as Chair (Proof Hansard Page 2) about the ACT government's commitment to providing all three-year-old children with access to one day per week of free quality early childhood education.

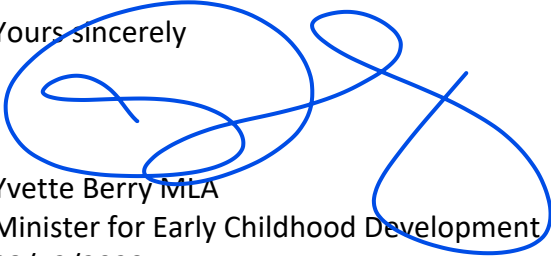
In her evidence Ms Efthymiades stated: *but there were also a number that were announced in the budget which amounted to \$2.8 million over four years, and there are a few elements of that that are probably worth mentioning (Proof Hansard page 2).* The amount of \$2.8 million over four years is incorrect and should be \$3.335 million over four years.

Ms Efthymiades further stated: *There is employer support, including coaching and mentoring via the Australian Institute of Management, and there are group coaching workshops and facilitation of ongoing support. So that is the biggest budget line—\$1.6 million of the \$2.8 million (Proof Hansard page 3).* In this section of evidence, \$1.6 million of the \$2.8 million is incorrect and should be \$2.125 million of the \$3.335 million.



Thank you for the opportunity to correct these issues and, with your agreement, I would be grateful if consideration could be given as to how the public record could be updated to reflect this correction.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned to the right of the text 'Yours sincerely'.

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