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Dear Ms Bresnan

I write in regard to our recent appearance on Tuesday 6 October 2009 before the Inquiry into the Educational Achievement Gap in the ACT held by the Standing Committee on Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

I wish to request two amendments to the evidence given by Ms Cathy Smith.

The first is on page 14 of the transcript, paragraph 6 (commencing, "As Penny has said..."), the following sentences should read:

There are two ESL support teachers for the whole of the preschool sector. These teachers support teachers as well as students. Anecdotally, they have talked about supporting 250 students and their teachers each over a year. That is two ESL support teachers, remembering that they have to travel to dozens of sites to support those people.

The second requested amendment is on page 19, paragraph 9. The reference to the University of Canberra should be deleted and replaced with the University of Newcastle. The sentence following, commencing, "There is a partnership..." could be deleted.

If you wish to seek clarification of these proposed amendments to the transcript please contact me on 6272-7900.

Yours sincerely

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Branch Secretary

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