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Dear Mr Milligan

I wish to provide a clarification to the record on advice provided to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-23 by Mr Sam Engele during the 25 August 2022 estimates hearing, under my Business and Better Regulation portfolio.

I refer to a question asked by Ms Leanne Castley MLA (Proof Hansard P456-7) regarding the budget for the Better Regulation Taskforce. Ms Castley sought to understand whether \$917,000 in 2021-22 Budget and \$329,000 in 2022-23 Budget was the total budget for the Taskforce. Mr Engele answered that he thought these amounts were for the establishment of the Taskforce.

The Budget allocations to which Ms Castley referred was funding to implement Automatic Mutual Recognition (AMR) of occupational licensing in the ACT, not for the establishment of the Better Regulation Taskforce.¹ This funding was for:

- resourcing for Access Canberra to operationalise AMR for most occupational licences by 1 July 2022 and for the first year of introduction of AMR; and
- resourcing for Policy and Cabinet to continue its whole of government coordination of AMR (1 x SOG B for nine months). The temporary SOGB position was filled in the Better Regulation Taskforce in September 2021 to assist with the Scheme implementation.

¹ ACT Government, [Budget Statements 2021-22 for Chief, Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate](#), 63 [Table 56].

To establish the Better Regulation Taskforce, the 2020-2021 Budget provided for:

- the reprioritisation of four FTE from within the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate to form the Better Regulation Taskforce.²
- funding for procurement of specialist capabilities to the value of \$329,100 over three financial years:
 - \$124,000 in 2020-2021,
 - \$142,900 in 2021-2022, and
 - \$62,200 in 2022-2023.³

Some funding for the procurement of specialist capabilities has been carried to the next financial year to achieve value for money procurements and to manage unavoidable delays to procurement. This is not new funding. The following amounts have been carried forward:

- Through the 2021-2022 Budget, \$50,000 was reprofiled from 2020-2021 to meet remaining payments for the legislative review project.⁴
- Through the 2022-2023 Budget, \$188,000 was reprofiled from 2021-2022.⁵

With your agreement, I would be grateful if consideration could be given as to how the final transcript could be updated to reflect this clarification.

Sincerely



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² ACT Government, [Australian Capital Territory Budget 2020-21 – Driving Canberra’s Recovery Budget Outlook](#), 68.

³ ACT Government, [Australian Capital Territory Budget 2020-21 – Driving Canberra’s Recovery – Budget Statements B CMTEDD together with associated agencies](#), 53 [Table 48].

⁴ ACT Government, [Budget Statements 2021-22 for Chief, Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate](#), 63 [Table 56].

⁵ ACT Government, [Australian Capital Territory Budget – Delivering for Canberrans: now and into the future – Budget Statements B CMTEDD together with associated agencies](#), 56 [Table 48].