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Dear Ms Blandthorn

I am writing in regard to the email of 3 December 2020 seeking verification of the transcript of the Minister for Education's public hearing for the Inquiry into the 2020-21 Budget Estimates.

I wish to correct a response I provided during the hearing which was recorded in the transcript.

During the hearing, I assisted the Minister for Education to respond to Mr Sam Hibbins question about the provision of laptops and devices to students. I noted 15 000 tablets/iPads and about 56 000 laptops were provided to students (see page 8 of the transcript) however the actual numbers were 24 000 tablets/iPads and about 47 000 laptops. The total number of devices remains the same as quoted in the transcript.

I would appreciate this letter being published alongside the transcript to ensure the correct breakdown of laptops and devices is available.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Secretary
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