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Chair
Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Ms Connolly

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Proof Transcript of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's Inquiry into the 2024-25 Budget Estimates Housing Portfolio hearing on Thursday 23 May 2024.

I am seeking to make one change on page 11 of the transcript. The change is in red text below and at **Attachment 1**:

“Simon NEWPORT: No, they do not. What I can see is that there has been steady growth certainly over the last few years. This year we expect to grow the stock net by about 1500; the year before was 1300 and we expect to grow the stock next year by just short of a similar number.”

*I am sure you are all aware of the administrative issue that took place back about four or five years ago with community housing, which I think, unfortunately, does put paid to some of those earlier years. But that did not result in any actual net physical houses **not** existing. That was an administrative error, which I know everybody is aware of. Even taking that into account, over the last five years there have been 4117 extra net properties delivered.”*

I am also seeking to clarify the record of my testimony on page 11 of the transcript. My response specifically relates to upgrades under the \$1 billion Regional Housing Fund and the \$150 million Key Worker Fund.

My clarification is outlined in the red text below:

*“Simon NEWPORT: There is an amount of money – in fact we will have about 145 homes restored or upgraded and brought back into service **as part of the \$1 billion Regional Housing Fund and the \$150 million Key Worker Fund**. Seventy-five of those have already taken place, and the other 70-odd actually the trades are onsite at the moment, and they will be finished in the next three to four months.”*

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Yours sincerely

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