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Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
Legislative Assembly
Parliament of Victoria

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Dear Committee members,

On Wednesday 26 August 2020, I appeared before you in response to the Inquiry into the Victorian Government's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Following that appearance, I was provided the opportunity to verify the draft transcript reflecting those proceedings.

As a witness I understand that I am able to suggest any corrections to the transcript of the evidence I provided on the following grounds only:

- Witnesses may only suggest corrections to their own evidence.
- Only corrections of obvious errors of fact will be considered by the Committee.
- Witnesses are not permitted to retract material from, or add new material to, the transcript.
- Corrections must be marked clearly, and each page must be initialled by the witness.

I understand that the transcript is a true and accurate record of my evidence. I wish to bring to the Committee's attention that on review of the transcript, I identified three occasions where in my evidence I stated that I had regularly briefed the Minister of Police and Emergency Services during the planning period on 27 and 28 March 2020 in the lead up to the operation that would become known as Operation Soteria. These statements are highlighted as at Attachment A.

I wish to correct this in acknowledgment that I did not brief the Minister for Police and Emergency Services throughout the 27 and 28 March 2020 with regard to what was being planned.

I kindly request that the Committee publish this statement alongside the original transcript.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours sincerely



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Emergency Management Commissioner

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