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The Hon. G. Donnelly  
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Inquiry into Child Protection

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To the Hon. G. Donnelly

On reading over my testimony of Tuesday 16 August 2016, I noted an exchange which might be cause for misunderstanding. On page 65 of the transcript, there is an exchange between myself and the Hon. Bronnie Taylor which indicates that CatholicCare Sydney is 'fully accredited' as an Out of Home Care Agency.

Please note that CatholicCare Sydney's accreditation status as of Tuesday 16 August 2016 was "deferred". CatholicCare has not yet completed the current accreditation process with the Office of the Children's Guardian. It is expected that this process will be complete by the end of 2016, at which point the status of the Agency will be "accredited".

Please accept my apologies for the error in my testimony.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if further information or explanation is required.

Yours sincerely

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