

12 September 2024

Portfolio Committee No.7 – Planning and Environment
Parliament of New South Wales

Re: Correction of Evidence – Raising and Retrofit Statistics – Budget Estimates August 30 2024

Dear Chair,

At the Budget Estimates hearing for Planning and Public Spaces on Friday 30 August 2024, a question was asked regarding the number of approved raising and retrofit offers to date under the Resilient Homes Program (RHP) (ref. uncorrected transcript – pages 65-66).

The stated figure of 15 approved offers was inadvertently incorrect at the time of the Budget Estimates hearing. The correct figure was 14 approved offers.

This occurred as one raising and retrofit offer counted as approved on 23 August was, at the time, being reassessed due to a new grant cost assessment report being provided for this property. The “double assessment” led to an erroneous double count in the RHP data management system.

Subsequent internal data updates identified the error and the duplication was reversed in the NSW Reconstruction Authority’s internal reporting on 6 September.

A Budget Estimates transcript review has identified the incorrect figure was provided to the Committee. We now seek to correct the record and substitute 14 approved offers where 15 was identified on the day of the hearing.

The Reconstruction Authority continually takes steps to improve data system quality and assurance processes, particularly through ongoing data cleansing exercises where the RHP data set is tested, and data process logic is challenged and updated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone on _____ or via email at _____
if there are any further queries.

Sincerely,

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