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Ms Sarah Connolly MP
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Dear Chair

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL CORRECTION

I refer to the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) hearing on 24 November 2025 as part of the PAEC Inquiry into 2024-25 financial and performance outcomes. Mr Matthew Hilakari MP asked for information on the revenue the Victoria receives per capita, compared to the other states and territories.

I wish to correct the record in relation to figures quoted for state revenues in 2023-24.

According to the ABS Government Finance Statistics, in 2023-24:

- Victoria's tax revenue per capita was \$5,446 (not \$5,659)
- New South Wales' total own-source revenue was \$7,453 (not \$7,603), and total revenue was \$12,879 (not \$13,063)
- Queensland's total own-source revenue was \$9,070 (not \$9,010), and total revenue was \$15,353 (not \$16,273).

The figures I stated at the hearing reflected data presented in those three jurisdictions' most recent financial publications, rather than the ABS Government Finance Statistics presented above.

My statements at the hearing on the relative differences between states' revenue sources, including that Victoria's total revenue per capita is the lowest in Australia, remain accurate.

Yours sincerely



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Secretary

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