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Dear Associate

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We act for the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

At the proceedings on 21 June 2018, we raised by way of observation a small issue in the drafting.

That observation succinctly expressed is as follows:

- 1. Clause X.3 (a) commences with the expression "Each year..."
- 2. Clause X.3 (b) (i) expresses the entitlement as being "...available in full at the start of each 12 month period..."

An employer (or employee) reading this without the benefit of advice may be confused by the juxtaposition of these two propositions.

The reference to a "year" is likely to invoke the notion of a calendar year for most employers.

The words "Each year" appearing in clause X.3 (a) appear unnecessary given clause X.3 (b) (i).

If you have any questions, please contact Nigel Ward on (02) 9458 7286.

Yours sincerely

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