



VICE CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE



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Ms Lyn Beverley
Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Beverley

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the hearing for Budget Estimates held on Tuesday 01 June 2021. On page 61 of the Hansard, I stated that, "The appointment process for judge advocates is that appointment is made by the Judge Advocate General, who is a two-star military officer, who makes a recommendation from the panel, which is provided by the Chief of Defence Force, but nominated by the Judge Advocate General."

I wish to correct my evidence with the following information:

Officers are appointed to the judge advocates' panel by the Chief of Defence Force after nomination by the Judge Advocate General.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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