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Ms Lyn Beverley
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Dear Ms Beverley

I wish to correct my testimony at the Senate Foreign Affairs and Trade Legislation Committee held on 25 October 2018.

In response to the question from Senator Hinch requesting advice on how many passports had been cancelled to paedophiles seeking to travel overseas, I stated that we have denied passports to 857 offenders.

In fact, as at 30 September 2018, the Minister for Foreign Affairs had cancelled 27 passports and ordered the surrender of three foreign passports issued to a total of 26 individuals. The Minister had also received requests to deny passports for a further 857 offenders if they were to apply.

Yours sincerely

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