



Ms Toni Matulick
Committee Secretary
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Parliament House
Canberra, ACT, 2600

Monday, August 24, 2015

Dear Secretary,

We are writing to you regarding evidence given by Wilson Security to the Committee at the public hearing on 20th August 2015. Specifically, the suggestion was made by Senator Hanson Young that Wilson Security representatives had previously provided false evidence to the Committee. The suggestion was put to the representatives of Wilson Security with no opportunity to refer to the transcript to determine the exact words used.

Upon reviewing the transcript it has become apparent that the suggestion that false evidence was given is not entirely accurate and did not take into consideration the wording of the response. The transcript in question is outlined below:

John Rogers: I do not believe that we had any kind of individual video cameras in place at the time of the July 2013 Riot. I believe there was one video camera that was there for the purposes of recording the events that occurred and it was destroyed during the riot. That was the only matter I am aware of.

[Transcript from Senate Committee Inquiry into Regional Processing Centre Nauru, 20th July 2015, p. 42]

Upon reviewing the transcript it is clear that Mr Rogers never purported to be conveying absolute fact to the committee; evident through the use of the words “I believe” and limiting his knowledge to that of himself, and not seeking to represent the knowledge of the company.

Notwithstanding that, Wilson Security does acknowledge that this evidence was not reflective of the true situation, and stands behind the apology given to the committee on 20th August 2015.

We wish for it also to be noted that previously, upon Wilson Security becoming aware of an incorrect statement given during an earlier hearing, we contacted the Committee immediately to correct the record. We are committed to providing accurate and honest information to assist the Inquiry.



We would appreciate the record being corrected to show that there was no attempt by Wilson Security representatives to mislead the Committee. Wilson Security has been highly co-operative, open and forthright with the Committee throughout this entire process.

Yours Sincerely,

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Tuesday, August 25, 2015

Dear Secretary,

It has come to our attention that a component of the evidence given to the Committee during the public hearing on 19 May 2015 was unclear, and we would like to formally clarify the evidence given.

It relates to the following testimony:

CHAIR: In relation to the subcontracted companies that employ the 450 local workers, what is the situation? Do they have drug and alcohol testing as part of their agreement?

Mr McDonald: Yes. They fall still under our current policies and procedures, so we apply the same process as we do for our expat workers.

CHAIR: Is it a random testing? Is it a sample testing? Just give me a bit more information. Do people's names get randomly pulled up and tested, or do you do it as a site-specific or a risk assessment?

Mr McDonald: It is a random test.

At the time of the hearing when this evidence was given, the policy was for random testing; however the process on the ground was at that time transitioning from reasonable suspicion testing to random testing. We confirm for the Committee that this transition was fully been implemented by 22nd June 2015.

Yours Sincerely,

Brett McDonald
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