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Parliament House
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Dear Senator Reynolds,

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the hearing for Additional Estimates held on 28 February 2018 on who is responsible for seeking flight permits as part of the Pacific Maritime Security Program Aerial Surveillance.

I noted in my evidence on page 20 that the company (Technology Service Corporation) was responsible for seeking those permits. However the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) is responsible for leading diplomatic engagement with FFA member countries; this includes permit requests. I would correct the record as per below:

“The Forum Fisheries Agency is responsible for leading diplomatic engagement with FFA member countries; this includes permit requests.”

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely _____

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