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Ms Lyn Beverley
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Dear Ms Beverley

I wish to correct my testimony to the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee at Additional Estimates hearings held on 21 February 2019.

Firstly, Senator Wong asked about the dates on which Mr Hockey's annual Declaration of Private, Financial and other Interests, which included an interest in Helloworld, were provided. In response, I stated he signed his annual disclosure on 9 May 2017 (pp.8-9 of the Proof Committee Hansard).

On review following the hearings, I found that Mr Hockey signed different sections of his 2017 Disclosure of Private, Financial and Other Interests Form on 9 May, 25 May and 30 May 2017.

Secondly, Senator Wong asked whether there is a requirement, in addition to DFAT's Annual Disclosure, for individual staff to disclose or update this disclosure within a time frame after an interest has been acquired. I responded 'no' and later 'our expectation is that anybody would declare at any point a conflict of interest should it occur' (pp. 8-9 of the Proof Committee Hansard).

I wish to advise that DFAT's Conduct and Ethics Manual (chapter 5.2) requires staff to make a disclosure within 14 days if their circumstances change resulting in a conflict of interest with their official duties.

I would appreciate you advising the Committee of these corrections.

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