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Ms Lyn Beverley, Committee Secretary  
Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Beverley

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the hearing for Additional Estimates held on Wednesday 24 March 2021.

I stated that:

My understanding is that there would be contingency connected with it. There would have been also some running costs, once it was established, for the first period of service, for the total project. The acquisition phase, to get the capability, would cost a certain amount alongside what was required to operate the system for a period of time. [p. 135]

I wish to correct my evidence with the following information:

The approved budget of \$380 million, which includes contingency, covered the provision of a deployable submarine rescue service, and enhancements to the Collins Class Submarine escape, intervention and abandonment systems. It does not include funding to operate the system.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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