



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Defence**

Ms Lyn Beverley

Secretary

Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Parliament House

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Dear Ms Beverley,

I write to correct evidence I provided at the Senate Additional Estimates hearing held on Thursday 17 February 2022.

The Hansard records that in response to a question from Senator Steele-John about a media release by Minister Price on defence reforming its procurement processes that it will reduce the procurement period from four years to 12 months, that I stated “To clarify, the statement really is to reduce to 12 months what it would typically take to get to contract for four years....”

I seek to correct my response to:

“To clarify, the statement really is to reduce **by** 12 months what it would typically take to get to contract for four years....”

I wish to correct this evidence with the following information: When I responded to the question, and initiated it with “To clarify..” I thought I was assisting Senator Steele-John understand that it was a reduction of 12 months off a four year process. I apologise for not making this clear.

The Australian Standard for Defence Contracting (ASDEFCON) and Defence Procurement Review found that for a project that would have previously taken four years to get the point of a contract signature, a reduction of up to 12 months could be made. This is reflected through the review and in the Minister Price media release 27 December 2021.

Yours Sincerely,

Anthony Fraser

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