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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.

I stated that:

Page 5 - The current cost is \$45.5 billion—that's the budget.

Page 12 - (same statement noted twice) They are set in accordance with reference to what the reference sheet design would achieve.

I wish to correct this evidence with the following information:

Page 5 - The current cost is \$44.5 billion—that's the budget.

Page 12 - They are set in accordance with reference to what the reference ship design would achieve.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely,

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