

## **Australian Government**

## **Defence**

Senator Raff Ciccone Chair Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee Parliament House PO Box 6100 CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Chair,

I write to correct evidence I provided at the Additional Estimates hearing held on 14 February 2024.

I stated that in relation to the Ghost Bat project:

"The three block 2 aircraft being delivered will enable the capability demonstration that occurs in the 2025 period. The delivery helps through the design, development and testing in the lead-up to that capability demonstration."

I wish to correct this evidence with the following information:

"The three block 2 aircraft are being delivered concurrent with the capability demonstration that occurs in the 2025 period. The delivery helps through the design, development, and testing in the lead-up to that capability demonstration."

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours Sincerely,

Air Vice-Marshal Graham Edwards Head Aerospace Systems Division

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