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Lyn Beverly  
Committee Secretary  
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee  
Department of the Senate  
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Dear Ms Beverly,

I am writing to correct evidence given during the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Senate Estimates hearing on Wednesday, 28 October 2020.

I would like to correct my response to Senator Wong's question regarding when I was advised of the invasive search of Australian citizens at Doha airport, in Qatar (refer to Hansard page 9). In the course of the discussion of this incident, I said I was informed late on 3 October. I have checked my records and I was advised by email late on Sunday, 4 October 2020.

I can also advise that the DFAT officer reported the matter following their arrival in Australia, and not while in transit in Doha (refer to Hansard page 9).

Yours sincerely

Frances Adamson