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Mr Mark Fitt  
Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade  
Parliament House  
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Dear Mr Fitt,

I wish to correct evidence provided to the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee following the 2022 Budget Estimates hearing on 9 November 2022.

In response to written Question on Notice 41 asked by Senator Jordon Steele-John, it states:

“Vice Admiral William Hilarides USN (Retd) has provided advice to Government since 2016 under a number of contracts. The total not to exceed value of Admiral Hilarides’ contracts (including services and reimbursables) for advice through the Naval Shipbuilding Advisory Board and Naval Shipbuilding Expert Advisory Panel over this period is \$1,941,952.14 (including GST).”

I wish to correct the evidence to Question on Notice 41 to the following:

“Vice Admiral William Hilarides USN (Retd) has provided advice to Government since 2016 under a number of contracts. The total not to exceed value of Admiral Hilarides’ contracts (including services and reimbursables) for advice through the Naval Shipbuilding Advisory Board and Naval Shipbuilding Expert Advisory Panel over this period is \$2,437,298.56 (including GST).”

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Yannopoulos'.

Matt Yannopoulos, PSM  
Associate Secretary

7 April 2023

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