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Dear Committee Secretary

I would like to provide clarification of evidence I provided at the 2020-21 Budget estimates hearing of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee held on Tuesday, 20 October 2020.

During the hearing (Hansard reference page 147), I was asked by Senator Wong: "Did you ever provide advice on the viability of a weapons inspectors idea?" and I answered: "No."

Subsequently, I have been reminded that, while the Department has not provided an assessment of the viability of World Health Organisation (WHO) 'weapons inspectors', we did provide briefing to the Prime Minister on the WHO review, including inspection powers, on 23 April 2020.

I trust this clarification of evidence is of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Millar Deputy Secretary National Security and International Policy

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