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Senator Nita Green
Committee Chair
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Dear Chair

The Home Affairs Portfolio appeared at the Senate Estimates Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee hearing on Tuesday 23 May 2023.

In my capacity as Australian Border Force Commissioner, I gave evidence to the Senate and have reviewed the Hansard record. In relation to my testimony, I have become aware of the need to correct a response I made to questions from Senator James Paterson.

The particular reference for correction is on page 5 in response to the question from Senator Paterson

..That wasn't the evidence we heard yesterday.

My response to this statement was *"I issued a direction on Sunday 8 May that the ABF would cease the pilot trial that was being conducted in relation to drones."*

Subsequently I have identified that this response is not accurate and I am providing the following correction of the evidence in response to this question:

I issued a direction on Monday 8 May that the ABF would cease the pilot trial that was being conducted in relation to drones.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this clarification, which will ensure that the correct information has been provided to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee.

Yours sincerely

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Commissioner

 July 2023

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