



10 November 2017

Mr Timothy Watling
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Watling

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection appeared at the Senate Supplementary Budget Estimates Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee hearing on Monday 23 October 2017.

In my capacity as Deputy Commissioner Support, 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 a question from Senator Carr.

The particular reference for correction is on page 82 from 23 October 2017 in response to the question from Senator Carr "They were commissioned in 2016?"

My response to this question was in part, "...contract commenced in 2016."

This response is not an accurate reflection of the matter and I am providing the following correction of evidence in response to this question:

"The initial Letter of Offer and Acceptance was signed in mid-2015. Construction of the vessels commenced in October 2016."

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

Yours sincerely

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