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Dear Dr Thomson

I refer to the request from the Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport that I review the evidence provided by the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, Mr Mick Kinley, at the Senate Estimates Hearings on the evening of Monday 18 February.

Senior officials within my department have thoroughly reviewed the evidence provided by Mr Kinley on Monday evening, as well as evidence provided at hearings on 4 December 2018 and the material that has been provided to the Committee in writing and did not identify any inconsistencies. I have also considered the evidence and agree with this conclusion.

My department will work with AMSA to help the Committee complete its inquiry into the Performance of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

I will write separately to the Chair of the Committee in response to concerns he raised with me around the preparedness of officers from this portfolio when they appear at Estimates Hearings.

Yours sincerely

Steven Kennedy

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