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**Department of Defence**

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Secretary  
Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary,

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the hearing for the Inquiry into the adequacy of Australia's infrastructure assets and capability in Antarctica held on 19 October 2017 concerning RAAF C17 Aircraft refuelling at Wilkins, per below.

**Mr SNOWDON:** Presumably you are refuelling at Wilkins?

**Cdre Hatcher:** Yes, they will be. ....

RAAF C17 aircraft do not refuel in Antarctica at Wilkins. At present they fly to and from Antarctica (Wilkins) without needing to refuel.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely,

J.C.F HATCHER, AM  
Commodore, RAN