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Senator Chris Ketter
Chair
Senate Economic References Committee
Parliament House
Canberra

Dear Senator Ketter,

At the hearing of the Senate Economics References Committee inquiry into the Foreign Investment Review Framework on Tuesday 15 December 2015, Senator Xenophon asked if ASIO had examined the Deed of Licence as part of its assessment of the Port of Darwin sale to Landbridge Infrastructure Australia Pty Ltd.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify evidence provided at the hearing where I stated ASIO had examined the deed of licence. Treasury and the Department of Defence briefed ASIO on the two deeds providing safeguards in relation to the Port of Darwin sale: the *Port Operating Deed* and the *Deed of Licence for Use of the Darwin Port*. On the basis of the briefings provided, which detailed the contents of the deeds, ASIO was satisfied the safeguards adequately addressed national security concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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