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Secretary

Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

I write to clarify evidence that I gave at the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties public hearing held on 22 May 2017, concerning the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Japan concerning Reciprocal Provision of Supplies and Services* between the Australian Defence Force and the Self-Defense Forces of Japan. The clarification concerns an exchange between the Chair and myself, on page 2 of the Hansard, as follows:

CHAIR: *Do we have any other treaty minus-level agreements with countries that cover such logistics? Or is this simply a requirement because of Japan's restrictive defence posture and their governing rules?*

Major Gen. Mulhall: *No, we have a number of other agreements which are below treaty level. A good example is an agreement that we have with New Zealand where we have arrangements about the sharing of air platforms for movement across the Tasman and to other places. So we do have a number of agreements with other nations that are at nontreaty level. But, at treaty level, those with the United States, Japan and the UK are our primary three.*

The clarification is to the final sentence of the evidence, as follows:

But, at treaty level, those with the United States, Japan, UK and New Zealand are our primary Logistics Agreements. (To clarify, the air platform arrangement of less than treaty status that Major General Mulhall referred to is subordinate to the treaty-level agreement Australia has with New Zealand)

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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