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Joint Standing Committee on the
National Capital and External Territories
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Dear Mr Morton

On Thursday, 15 February 2018 I appeared as a witness before the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories.

During the hearing you asked in relation to visitors to the Australian Antarctic Division:

"In your current facility in Kingston, what opportunity, or what benefit is there, for members of the public and visitors to visit the AAD and learn about what the AAD does in order for the AAD to be a drawcard for tourism to Hobart?"

In part of my response I said:

"We do get people through there; I couldn't give you the exact numbers. Actually, my colleague Mr Bryson is telling me 12,000 per annum."

I wish to expand on this answer. That figure cannot be verified, it is a figure from some years ago and I envisage that the current number is somewhat less than that.

The remainder of my answers to the questions, given at the Hearing, are correct.

I apologise for the error in my answer and trust this further information will be of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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