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Mr T Watling Committee Secretary Joint Select Committee on the Christmas Island Tragedy PO Box 6100 Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Watling

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Proof *Hansard* transcript for the Joint Select Committee on the Christmas Island Tragedy.

The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (Customs and Border Protection) has marked up typographical and transcription corrections, on behalf of Customs and Border Protection officers and Lieutenant Commander Livingstone, on the Public and In Camera transcripts from 27 May 2011 and 06 June 2011. The three transcripts, marked up in red, are attached for the Committee's consideration.

I also advise a factual correction to my evidence from 6 June 2011. At page 24, I responded to a question from Mr Husic: "I would say that probably from 1999 we have engaged divers about twice for narcotic related matters." The corrected information is: "I would say that probably from 1999 we have engaged divers in about five narcotic operations".

On 27 May 2011, Senator Hanson-Young also placed a request on notice for an outline of "what the multilayered intelligence tree looks like". Customs and Border Protection considers this was subsequently addressed during the In Camera hearings that same day.

Please let me know if the Committee requires any further information from Customs and Border Protection to assist with its inquiry.

Yours Sincerely

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