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**Department of Regional Australia,  
Regional Development and Local Government**

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The Chair  
Joint Select Committee on the Christmas Island Tragedy  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT

Dear Senator Marshall

Subject: Correction to evidence

I would like to correct evidence I gave to the Joint Select Committee on the Christmas Island Tragedy during the session on Christmas Island on 7 June 2011. I appeared for the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government.

On Page 23 of the draft Hansard record, I said that the AFP boat on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands may not have been withdrawn from service. This is incorrect. That AFP vessel, with the AFP vessel on Christmas Island, was withdrawn from service following the AMSA review.

To continue to provide an operational capability, an AFP RHIB is in place on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

With your agreement, I ask that my evidence be corrected.

Yours sincerely

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