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Mr Bob Charles MP
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Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Charles *Bob*

On 20 October 2003, in response to your letter of 30 September 2003, I advised the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit on losses of software and/or hardware, unauthorised access to computer systems and significant events involving information technology security since July 1998 for Defence.

Defence has informed me that one part of its original advice to me in relation to unauthorised access to computer systems was incorrect. I am writing to you to correct the record.

Under the heading 'Unauthorised access to computer systems', I advised that all three incidents in which an external security breach had led to unauthorised access to computer systems had been referred to the Australian Federal Police. In fact, all three incidents were referred to the Defence Signals Directorate, in its capacity as Commonwealth information security authority, and only one of those incidents was subsequently referred by the Defence Signals Directorate to the Australian Federal Police.

I apologise for any confusion that this might have caused.

Yours sincerely

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