



## **Submission No 3**

### **Review of the Defence Annual Report 2011 - 2012**

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I write to clarify evidence that I gave at the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, Defence Sub-Committee Review of the 2011-2012 Defence Annual Report hearing held on 15 March 2013 concerning Defence's Base Service contracts and security on Defence premises.

In answer to a question from Senator Macdonald:

*'Some of my questions you might need to take on notice. Some of them are in the line of...'* (p.29, *Proof Hansard* 15 March 2013), I stated that:

*'...I have currently got 22 contracts around the country that cover...'*

This information was incorrect because it is an error of fact. It should read:

*'...I have currently got **21** contracts around the country that cover...'*

In answer to a question from Senator Ian Macdonald:

*'Again, using my examples of Lavarack Barracks, if there is a barrier there that their vehicle hits and the people jump out and run at the buildings half a kilometre away, are the civilian guards able to tackle them, hold them and rest knives or bombs or whatever off them?'* (p.53 of *Proof Hansard* 15 March 2013), I stated that:

*'They are able to do that, as was demonstrated in Sydney only a few months ago.'*

This information was incorrect because it does not reflect the permitted actions under relevant legislation and the entire response should read:

*'They are able to do that, **provided they are acting within the boundary of existing common law**, as was demonstrated in Sydney only a few months ago.'*

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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