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Dear Secretary

Clarification of evidence given at JSCOT hearing on 28 February 2011

On 28 February 2011, I appeared as a witness before the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties to give evidence on the *Treaty between Australia and the People's Republic of China concerning Transfer of Sentenced Persons*.

Following the hearing, I have reviewed the proof copy of Hansard, and I wish to clarify an aspect of my evidence.

During the hearing, Mr John Forrest MP asked whether the Treaty, should it enter into force, would be the first agreement of its kind for China. I responded: "That is my understanding, yes." I wish to advise that I have since become aware of reports that China has, in recent years, signed a number of bilateral agreements on international transfer of prisoners with other countries. I am not aware of whether all these agreements have been ratified or have entered into force, but it has been brought to my attention that a transfer of prisoners treaty between China and Spain has been ratified.

Yours sincerely

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