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Dr Andrew Southcott MP
Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Dr Southcott

On 7 November the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties dealt with a Bill titled *Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Marking of Plastic Explosives) Bill 2005*.

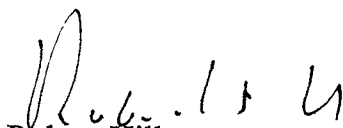
Mr Dick Adams MP asked the Defence representative 'how much plastic explosive was manufactured in Australia each year?' The question was taken on notice.

I am advised that the quantities manufactured in Australia were:

- 2001 14, 840 kg,
- 2002 24, 071 kg,
- 2003 Nil,
- 2004 165 kg, and
- 2005 27, 940 kg.

I trust this information will be of assistance to Mr Adams.

Yours sincerely


Robert Hill