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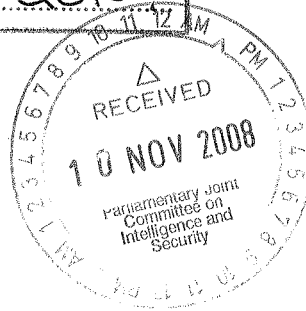
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Dr John Carter  
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Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee  
Parliament House  
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Dear Dr Carter

**Reference: Inquiry into Australia's relationship with ASEAN**

I refer to your letter of 14 October, which enclosed a proof transcript of the public hearing before the Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade on Thursday, 2 October 2008.

I have no corrections to be made to the transcript. I indicated that I would provide additional information to the Committee in relation to international sources of SPAM. I have attached for submission to the Committee a response to that Question.

If you require any further information please contact me on 02 6219 5108.

Yours sincerely

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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND  
TRADE  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUB COMMITTEE**

**Reference: Australia's relationship with ASEA**

Question on Notice – Thursday, 2 October 2008-11-06

Question: The Chair of the Committee, Mr Danby requested information on the international source of SPAM.

Answer: ACMA is actively involved in international efforts to fight spam and enhance e-security. Such efforts are important as 99.5 per cent of spam received in Australia is sent from overseas.

As at June 2008 the top five sources of SPAM internationally are: the United States of America; Russia; Turkey; China and Brazil.