



Ms Lyn Beverley  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Beverley

**Correction to Question on Notice No. 182 Additional Estimates February 2016**

I wish to correct the response to Question on Notice No. 182 from the February 2016 Additional Estimates Hearing.

The response stated:

1. Use of batons is not taught in CMT (competency maintenance training).
2. Team Leaders and Developing Team Leaders are the only staff trained in the use of flexi cuffs for the restraint of offenders specifically in the House of Representative and Senate Galleries. The use of restraints would only occur where:
  - The offender's behaviour requires restraining, and
  - Permission is obtained from the Black Rod or Sergeant at Arms to use restraints.

Further examination of this matter has revealed:

1. During defensive tactics training, a padded plastic training aid is used as a prop to simulate a hand held metal detector. This prop could be referred to as a 'baton'. The use of this training aid could be confused with offensive baton training, however offensive baton training is not taught in CMT.
2. All PSS officers participate in flexi cuff training to assist team leaders in the circumstances set out above.

An amended response to Question on Notice No. 182 is attached.

I apologise for the earlier incorrect response. I would be grateful if you could draw the amended response to the Committee's attention.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary

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