



08 March 2017

Ms Toni Matulick
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms Matulick

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection appeared at the Senate Additional Estimates Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee hearing on Monday 27 February 2017.

In my capacity as Chief Operating Officer, I gave evidence to the Senate and have reviewed the Hansard record. In relation to my testimony, I have become aware of the need to correct a response I made to a question from Senator Kim Carr.

The particular reference for correction is on page 36 in response to the question from Senator Carr *"So the builder is out of pocket is he?"*

My response to this question was, in part, *"...As the secretary said, on this occasion, the builder was out of pocket"*

This response is not an accurate reflection of the matter and I am providing the following clarification in response to this question:

"The contracted builder was not out of pocket. There was no contractual dispute with the builder. The costs of the destroyed facility were funded by a Commonwealth budget allocation."

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this clarification, which will ensure that correct information has been provided to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee.

Yours sincerely

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