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**DEPUTY SECRETARY**

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

Dear Ms Matulick

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection appeared at the Budget Estimates Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee hearing on Monday 22 May 2017.

In my capacity as Deputy Secretary Policy Group, 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 Jane Hume.

The particular reference for correction is on page 11 in response to the question from Senator Hume *"Of those that remain on Manus now, how many do you believe will resettle in the US; how many do you believe will return home; and how many do you believe will stay?"*

My response to the question was, in part, *"...The first stage is undertaken by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service – part of the Department of State..."* and *"that is the first stage with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services..."*

This response contained a factual error and I am providing the following correction:

*"The first stage is undertaken by the US Resettlement Support Center – on behalf of the Department of State..."* and *"that is the first stage with the US Resettlement Support Center..."*

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

Yours sincerely

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