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27 February 2001

Mr Paul Barsdell
Secretary
Senate Legislation Committee on Foreign Affairs,
Defence and Trade
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Barsdell

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the Senate Legislation Committee additional estimates hearing on 21 February 2001 concerning revised figures for unfunded superannuation liabilities.

In answer to a question from Senator West (page 23 of *Proof Hansard* Wednesday 21 February 2001), I stated that "The change is due to a revaluation of the liabilities by the Australian Government Actuary, which we are required to do every two years." This information was incorrect because Regulation 9.29 of the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 requires that an actuarial investigation is conducted every **three** years.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

Dianne Clarke
Director General Resource Management – Personnel Executive



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I write to correct evidence that I gave at the Senate Legislation Committee additional estimates hearing on 21 February 2001 concerning the involvement of Navy officers with the selection of the Collins Class submarine combat system.

In answer to the question asked by Senator Hogg (page 85 of Proof Committee Hansard Wednesday 21 February 2001) that there were (not) Navy people within Navy as such (involved in the selection); I said 'no'.

I have since been advised by Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, Head Maritime Systems (DMO) that my understanding of the facts was not complete, and he has advised me that there were Navy representatives from both Systems Command and the Submarine Force Element Group in the Source Selection Team.

I respectfully advise the Chairman that I had no intention to mislead the Committee and request that the additional information be noted and recorded as appropriate. I do not believe that the corrected information materially changes the information sought by the Senator, in that all probity issues were observed in the selection of these officers and their contribution to the final decision.

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5 March 2001

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Dear Mr Barsdell

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the Senate Legislation Committee additional estimates hearing on 21 February 2001 concerning the exchange rate used for the \$23.5 billion in White Paper funding.

In answer to a question from Senator West (page FAD&T7 of *Proof Hansard* Wednesday 21 February 2001), I stated that the exchange rate used was the Australian dollar being worth fifty seven and a half US cents. This information was incorrect because the exchange rate used was the Australian dollar being worth sixty one and three quarter US cents.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Moore'.

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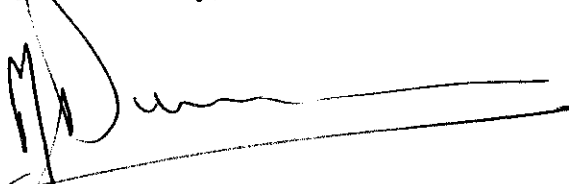
Dear Mr Barsdell,

I write to provide additional information to that which I gave at the Senate Legislative Committee additional estimates hearing on the 21 February 20001 concerning a Defence Materiel Organisations Project: *Air 87 Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter*.

In answer to a question from Senator HOGG (Page 65 of *Proof Hansard* Wednesday 21 February 2001) I gave information relating to the schedule of the aforementioned project. In retrospect this response to Senator HOGG could be slightly ambiguous.

To ensure there is no confusion over this response, enclosed is a table which outlines key dates of the Tender Evaluation Schedule for the project.

Yours sincerely,



P J Dunn
MAIGEN
Head Change Management - Materiel
Defence Materiel Organisation

Attachment A: AIR 87 Tender Evaluation Schedule

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AIR 87 TENDER EVALUATION SCHEDULE			
Serial	Activity	Time Required	Estimated Date
1	Tenders Close	4 Months	1200 hr 30 Apr 01
2	Shortlist to 2 Tenderers	6 to 12 Weeks	Mid Jun 01 to Late Aug 01
3	Source Selection	4 –5 Months	Mid Nov to Feb 02
4	Contract Signature	4 Weeks	Dec 01 – Mar 02

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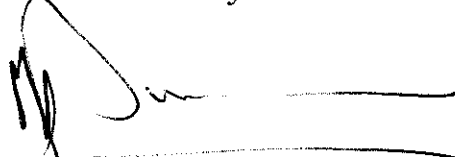
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Dear Mr Barsdell

I write to provide additional information to that which I gave at the Senate Legislation Committee additional estimates hearing in 21 February 2001.

The answer to a question from Senator Hogg (page 10 of *Proof of Hansard* Wednesday 21 February 2001), answered in part by myself (on page 60 of *Proof of Hansard* Wednesday 21 February 2001) needs to be clarified in the following way. *As with all White Papers, they give an opportunity to look at all capability strategies and re-evaluate Defence's requirements. During that time the projects listed below were in various stages of development at the time the White Paper was being prepared. Even though they were on hold, work within the DMO organisation continued preparing RFTs, re-evaluating or rescoping requirements. However, the two major projects that were affected during this process were the AEW&C and Air 87 projects. Project Ninox did have its period of tender validity extended, in order to ensure that no commitments were entered into that might be contrary to the directions forthcoming in the White Paper.*

Yours sincerely



P.J. DUNN
MAJGEN
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21 Feb 01

**MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS DELAYED DUE TO THE
CONSIDERATIONS OF THE WHITE PAPER**

Name of Project	Status at 6 December 2000	Status since White Paper
Hornet upgrade – phase 2 Foreign Military Sales Cases for Electronic Warfare Self Protection	Letter of request issued	Currently seeking options for acquisition
Air-Force Air Range Capability	Under contract negotiation	Project cancelled
Echidna - Electronic Warfare Self Protection	Internal action No industry solicitation	Request for Tender issued
Defence Messaging Directory Environment	Request for Tender issued	Project is not yet to contract
Nulka Phase 3 and 4	Request for Tender issued	Project is not yet to contract
Air to Surface Weapon System	Internal action No industry solicitation	Work on detailed requirements continuing
Medium Tactical Airlift Capability	Internal action	Document requirements being prepared
Rotary Wing for Land Force – Air 87	Request for Tender prepared	Request for Tender released Responses expected in April
Military Satellite Communications	Internal action	Invitation To Register Interest released
Amphibious Watercraft	Draft Request for Tender ready for issue	Request for Tender released 5 Feb 01 - closes 30 May 01
General Service Vehicles	Internal action No industry solicitation	Preparing Request for Tender and defining acquisition strategy
Wundurra - Soldier Combat System	Invitation To Register Interest issued Oct 00	Schedule compressed. In service date brought forward.
Ninox Leopard Tank Thermal Sight	Internal action No industry solicitation	Redraft of Request for Tender to SMART 2000 guidelines
Ninox Thermal Surveillance Systems	Request for Tender issued	In contract negotiations
Ninox Unattended Ground Sensors	Request for Tender issued	Pending contract negotiations
Anzac Underwater and Surface Warfighter Upgrade Program	Internal action No industry solicitation	Procurement proceeding with new capability priorities
Survey Motor Launch Upgrade	Private Funding Initiative study in final stage	Developing acquisition strategy in consultation with industry
Patrol Boat Replacement	Private Funding Initiative study	Private Funding Initiative being explored
Airborne Early Warning and Control	Under contract negotiation	Contract signed