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Ms Saxon Patience
Acting Secretary
Senate Legislation Committee on Foreign Affairs,
Defence and Trade
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Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Patience,

I write to correct errors in two responses to questions on notice arising from the 18 February additional estimates hearing. The first error is the response to written question W29 – ADF Personnel Numbers. A number of the figures in the table at part e) are incorrect. The correct figures are shown below:

e) The targets for the total number for each of the Services over the next five financial years are shown in the following table.

Permanent Forces	2004-05 Target	2005-06 Target	2006-07 Target	2007-08 Target	2008-09 Target
Navy ⁽¹⁾	13,167	13,298	13,430	13,563	13,698
Army	26,036	25,968	25,978	26,119	26,280
Air Force	13,376	13,441	13,384	13,441	13,465
Total	52,579	52,707	52,792	53,123	53,443

Note

1. These numbers do not include the Defence Capability Review decision to retire two Adelaide-class frigates class ships in 2005-06. The impact of this has been determined as a reduction of 416, but the application and phasing of this are yet to be finalised.

The other errors are in written question W4 – Defence Capability Plan. The heading in the right hand column of the first table in part e) – Projects with an approved lower real cost estimate – should read ‘Year of Decision’ and not ‘Year of Delivery’. Also, in the first table at Attachment A – Defence Capability Plan Projects approved since the 2000 White Paper – the column heading should read ‘Year of Decision’ and not ‘Year of Delivery’.

Amended electronic responses to the two questions have been provided to the Secretariat. I apologise for any inconvenience caused to the committee.

Yours sincerely

Original Signed

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