



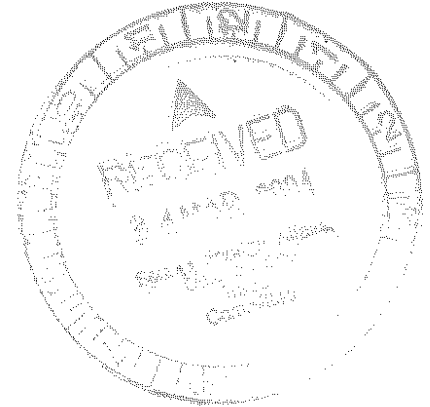
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Dear Mr Holmes

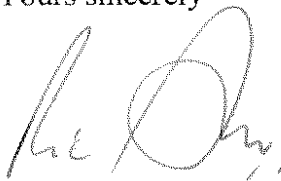
I write to correct evidence given at the Senate Legislation Committee 2003-04 additional estimates hearing on 18 February 2004. Senator Hill and I responded to questions from Senator Ray on the timing of statements made by Mr Lewincamp to SLC hearings in 2003 (pages 87-89 of *Proof Hansard* Wednesday 18 February 2004).

At page 87, I stated that "Mr Lewincamp has assured me that ... what he said there was consistent with what he had said here at the last SLC – perhaps in September". This information is not quite accurate. It should be corrected to say that "Mr Lewincamp has assured me that ... what he said there was consistent with what he had said here at the SLC hearings in June and November".

Similarly, at page 89, Senator Hill stated "He did it twice. He spoke here in May and in November, and a number of points that were in the Saturday article were very similar to the statements he made publicly here in November". The actual date of the first SLC hearing was June, not May.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely



R C SMITH
Secretary

27 March 2004