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**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

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Dr Kathleen Dermody  
Secretary  
Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee  
Department of Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Dermody

I refer to the request, by Senator Hutchins, for further information on Australia's trade with the United States (US) during the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) evidence at the Additional Estimates on 16 February 2006 [see proof *Hansard*, p. 99].

Please find attached information providing details of aggregate trends in Australia-US bilateral trade and growth in the major export and import items following the entry into force of the Australia-US free trade agreement on 1 January 2005.

Yours sincerely

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