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Dr Kathleen Dermody
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Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
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Parliament House
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Dear Dr Dermody

I write to clarify evidence that I gave at the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade on 14 February 2007 the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

Firstly, if you could correct my rank from Air Commodore to **Air Vice-Marshal**.

In answer to a question from Senator Mark Bishop (page 29 of *Proof Hansard* 14 February 2007), the Hansard reads that I stated that "The exact number per squadron to do that depends on flying rates, number of aircraft, maintenance et cetera." This information should read "The exact number per squadron to do that depends on flying rates, number of aircraft **in** maintenance et cetera."

In answer to a question from The Chair (page 30 of *Proof Hansard* 14 February 2007), the Hansard reads that I stated that "Our very initial aircraft are about the fourth or fifth lot in the production line and the numbers gradually build up to approximately 15 a year." This information should read "Our very initial aircraft are about the fourth or fifth lot in the production line and the numbers gradually build up to approximately 15 a year **for Australia**."

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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