



Senator the Hon John Faulkner

Special Minister of State
Cabinet Secretary

The Secretary
Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

I am writing in relation to evidence I provided to the Committee at its hearing on the evening of Wednesday 20 February 2008 during consideration of the estimates of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

On reading the Hansard of the Committee's deliberations I note that on page 100 in response to questioning on the setting of parliamentarians' salaries I said they were tied to a classification band in the Senior Executive Service (of the APS). I should in fact have said that parliamentarians' base salary is linked by regulation to the Remuneration Tribunal's Principal Executive Officer structure, specifically to that structure's 'Reference Salary A'.

I would appreciate your drawing this letter to the attention of members of the Committee and other Senators in attendance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Faulkner', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

JOHN FAULKNER
10 March 2008