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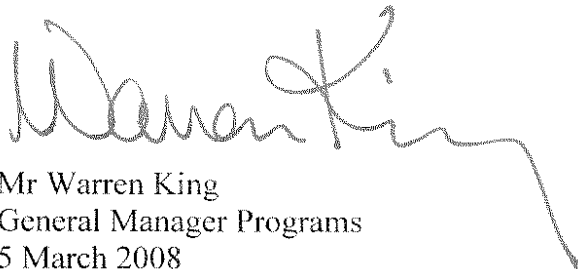
Dear Dr Dermody

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the Additional Estimates hearing on 20 February 2008.

In answer to a question from Senator Johnston (page 59 of *Proof Hansard* 20 February 2008), I stated that I understood the Electronic Surveillance Measures (ESM) System is used in the Indian Navy and the Thai Navy. I have subsequently checked this statement and I am now able to advise that the correct information is that the ESM System is used in the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Dr Dermody

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the Additional Estimates hearing on 20 February 2008 concerning the Armidale Class Patrol Boats and the associated fuel problem.

In answer to a question from Senator JOHNSTON (page 64 FAD&T of Proof Hansard 20 February 2008), I refer to the high performance diesel engine. In particular I stated the following: "It is a high-performance diesel engine, which has a higher specification for fuel, so there is an issue with the fuel being delivered to the engine. It is aluminium and we have not operated aluminium before in that way,...". I wish to clarify that my reference to aluminium was in the context of the vessel and not the diesel engine.

I request the Hansard be corrected as follows: "It is a high-performance diesel engine, which has a higher specification for fuel, so there is an issue with the fuel being delivered to the engine. The vessel is aluminium and we have not operated aluminium before in that way,...".

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BC Robinson'.

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