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

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the Additional Estimates hearing on 20 February 2008 concerning events in Timor-Leste following the shooting of President Jose Ramos-Horta on 11 February 2008.

In answer to a question from Senator Minchin concerning the request for evacuation (page 19 of *Proof Hansard* 20 February 2008), I stated that 'A helicopter was dispatched and the helicopter appeared above the Prime Minister's house at, I think, 0852'. I would like to amend this evidence to read 'A helicopter was dispatched at 0852 and the helicopter appeared above the Prime Minister's house at, I think, 0913'.

In answer to a question from Chair asking if I had further remarks to bring to their attention (page 19 of *Proof Hansard* 20 February 2008), I stated that 'at 0852 the ISF helicopter was overhead the PM's house'. I would like to amend this evidence to read 'at 0852 the ISF helicopter was tasked to fly to the PM's house, it arrived at 0913'.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Warm regards,

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