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Dear Dr Dermody

I am writing in relation to your letter of 4 April 2011 in which you, on the behalf of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee, sought my advice on the accuracy of evidence I gave at the 2010-11 Additional Estimates Hearing for Veterans' Affairs in relation to the investigation of the Australian War Memorial's (AWM) finances.

The evidence I gave is accurate, with two minor corrections, as follows:

- On page 106 of the proof Committee Hansard, I stated that I spoke to the then Acting Secretary of the Department of Finance and Deregulation *at the end of May*. While I do not have a record of the exact date, it was *in the week 31 May to 4 June*.
- Also on page 106, I stated that after Mr Tune returned from leave, he agreed a process to consider the AWM's funding position with a first inter-agency meeting following on *16 June*. The first meeting was in fact on *18 June*. A follow-up meeting occurred on 20 July. From these meetings came an agreement to undertake a full review of the cost and funding pressures facing the AWM.

I would like to correct the two matters marked above in italics in the Hansard.

Otherwise, I trust that this information has clarified the matter for the Committee, and I thank you for bringing it to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary

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