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Mr Brenton Holmes
Secretary
Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Suite S-1-57
Parliament House

Dear Mr Holmes

I am writing to correct one element of information which I provided at the Senate Estimates hearings held on 2 June 2003.

The issue involved the use by a junior officer on Mr Vaile's electoral staff of a departmental computer to respond to an online poll (pages 94-97 of the Hansard Proof). At the time of the hearings we understood the computer used by the electoral staff officer to have been in Mr Vaile's Port Macquarie Electoral Office. I have since been advised that the machine used by the Port Macquarie electoral staff officer was in the Minister's Parliament House Office. Other information provided at the hearing on this matter is correct as stated.

I would be grateful if you could draw this correction to the attention of the chair and other members of the committee.

Yours sincerely

Peter Varghese

