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Dr Kathleen Dermody
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Department of the Senate
Parliament House
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Dear Dr Dermody

I write to correct/clarify evidence that I gave at the Senate Legislation Committee 2004-05 additional estimates hearing on 30 and 31 May 2005.

On May 31, page 23 of the Proof Hansard, in response to a comment from Senator Mark Bishop reads, 'I think we have done a much better job, for example, on the recent projects like AWACS. That is a very software intensive project as well, but it is performing very well.'

This is a transcription error and should read 'I think we have done a much better job, for example, on the recent projects like AEW&C (Airborne Early Warning and Control). That is a very software intensive project as well, but it is performing very well.'

On May 31, page 27 of the Proof Hansard, Senator Bishop asked 'Did Defence publish an aerospace industry sector plan last year?'. I stated 'that is probably a question for the Minister. That was approved last year, that is correct.'

This information was incorrect because the Australian Defence Aerospace Sector Strategic Plan was approved in June 2003.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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