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Dear Dr Dermody

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the Budget Estimates hearing on 30 May 2007 concerning submarine full-cycle dockings during fiscal year 2007-08 (related to footnotes on page 155 of the Defence Portfolio Budget Statements 2007-08).

In answer to a question from Senator Hogg (page 97 of *Proof Hansard* 30 May 2007), I stated that "The *Sheean* will enter her full-cycle docking earlier than previously planned, ..." and subsequently, in response to a following question also from Senator Hogg: "In fact, we will slightly advance the full-cycle docking activity itself, ..." This information was incorrect because I should have stated: "although preservation and other preparation work on the submarine will commence early, the formal full-cycle docking will not start until the planned date."

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Dr Dermody

I write to clarify evidence that I gave at the Budget Estimates hearing on 30 May 2007 concerning the full name of a company known as CHES involved in repairs to HMAS *Westralia*.

In answer to a question from Senator Faulkner (page 38 of *Proof Hansard* 30 May 2007) regarding the full name of the company known as CHES, I stated that "I believe that is its name." This information was incomplete because the full name of the company is "CHES Diesel and Marine Services."

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Rutting'.

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