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Dr Kathleen Dermody  
Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on  
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Dermody

I write to clarify evidence that I gave at the Budget Estimates hearing held between 3-4 June 2009 concerning the Broad Area Maritime Surveillance (BAMS) project.

In answer to a question from Senator Johnson (page 52 of *Proof Hansard* 4 June 2009), I stated: 'Not only did it win, but it was subject to a protest, as you might be aware from the press. That protest was examined and upheld. I think that would be evidence that it was clearly the preference'. This information was incorrect because I should have clearly stated: 'That protest was examined and *the source selection decision was upheld*'.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. THORNE', written in a cursive style.

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