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Senator Mark Bishop  
Chair  
Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade  
Department of the Senate  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator Bishop

I write to correct evidence given to the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade budget estimates hearing on 2 June 2009.

In answer to a question from Senator Trood (draft Senate Hansard Page 5, line 3 and following) whether Mr Fischer had moved into his residence in Rome I said "He is expected to move in shortly, on 1 July". I wish to have the final record corrected to read "He moved into the residence on 13 May. The lease on this property was signed on 12 May".

I also wish to clarify evidence on Mr Fischer's use of public transport (Page 6, line 6 and following). There is no Metro route between the embassy in Rome and the current embassy offices to the Holy See. When in Rome, Mr Fischer is known occasionally to use public transport - tram and bus - but in office hours usually commutes by office car. He travels by rail outside of Rome.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Davin".

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