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Dr Kathleen Dermody  
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Dear Dr Dermody

I write to clarify evidence that I gave at the Senate Estimates Committee hearing held on 1 June 2010 concerning assessment of the Combat Boot.

In answering a question from Senator Johnson at page 59 of *Proof Hansard* 1 June 2010, I stated that "The DMO and the Australian Army tasked Booz Allen Hamilton to assess the boot against eight criteria to determine the boot's fitness for function. Do you need to know those eight criteria?" In response to further questions from Senator Johnston I then stated the assessment criteria.

I wish to clarify my statement. The Defence Materiel Organisation tasked Booz Allen Hamilton to examine eight specific review criteria, and the review criteria included assessment of the in service boot for 'fitness for function'. Fourteen functional characteristics were developed by the review for 'fitness for function' assessment. These characteristics were: fit; cushioning; support; stability; traction and grip; flexibility; protection; environmental protection; health and hygiene; comfort; prevention of injury; safety; ease of donning and doffing; and durability.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Dr Dermody

I write to correct evidence that BRIG Horrocks gave at the Senate Estimates Committee hearing 1 June 2010 concerning Combat Boots.

In answering a question from Senator Johnston concerning the comparative assessment of the ADF in service combat boot with boots used by allied forces, at page 65 of *Proof Hansard* 1 June 2010, BRIG Horrocks stated "We conducted a comparative analysis in conjunction with DSTO, Land Engineering Agency and Booz Allen plus a number of accredited agencies, both in Australia and overseas."

I wish to correct BRIG Horrocks' statement. Booz Allen Hamilton did not take part in this further comparative assessment.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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