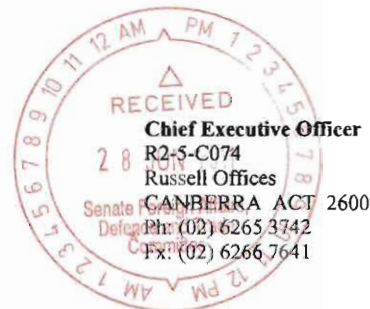




Australian Government
Department of Defence
Defence Materiel Organisation



CEO DMO/OUT/2011/160

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

Dear Dr Dermody

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the Budget Estimates hearing held on 30 May 2011.

During the testimony in relation to Defence Project Land 121 Phase 4, as recorded on page 53 of the published Proof Hansard, Senator Johnston stated that "The threshold is 7½ tonnes for a Chinook" and my response was "Yes; and the U.S. Army want more protection, the US Marines would prefer more mobility and those discussions are going on in the United States at the moment".

This information was incorrect. The Australian weight requirement for external air transport of a vehicle by a Chinook (CH47) in a prepared state is seven (7) tonnes. It should be noted that this is the required weight limit for air transport and is not a maximum vehicle weight for all configurations and scenarios.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

DR STEPHEN J GUMLEY
Chief Executive Officer

22 Jun 11