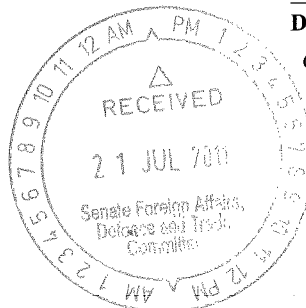




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Dear Dr Dermody

I seek to make a correction to evidence given to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Additional Estimates Hearing on 31 May 2011.

On page 117 of the proof Committee Hansard, in relation to PTSD, I stated 'You are right. Discussions like these are not ones that are easily done in a couple of minutes and, indeed, it is something that we, the ACPMH, Defence and others will have to work on. There is one comment I would make. Mental health issues that come out of service from 1 July 2005 will not have any issue with regard to offsetting. Now that is not a good thing; it is a comment'.

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Yours sincerely

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