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Senator Alan Eggleston
Deputy Chair
Senate Standing Committees on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Alan

Dear ~~Senator~~

I write to correct the answer provided in response to 'Question on Notice No 35: Defence Materiel Organisation trips to Sweden for Collins Submarine Intellectual Property Rights', of the 3 to 4 June 2013 Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Budget Estimates Hearing.

The question asked was "How many trips to Sweden did DMO have to try to secure Collins submarine intellectual property rights?"

In response, the word 'Thailand' was inserted incorrectly. The answer was based on incorrect Defence Departmental advice.

The correct response to 'Question on Notice No 35: Defence Materiel Organisation trips to Sweden for Collins Submarine Intellectual Property Rights' is enclosed for your information.

I take very seriously the provision of any incorrect information to the Parliament. I have asked the Secretary of the Department to reinforce with all concerned the need to be accurate with the provision of information to the Parliament.

Yours sincerely

Best wishes

Stephen Smith
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Senate/Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – COMMITTEES

Senate Budget Estimates – 3-4 June 2013

Senate Budget Estimates 3-4 June 2013 - DMO Trips to Sweden for Collins Submarine Intellectual Property Rights

Senator Johnston asked the following on Tuesday 4 June 2013 (Hansard page 43):

How many trips to Sweden did DMO have to try to secure Collins submarine intellectual property rights?

Response:

Three trips were undertaken by senior Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO) representatives to secure Collins Submarine intellectual property rights. The trip undertaken in September 2012 discussed Collins Submarine intellectual property rights as part of a broader defence materiel bilateral meeting.

| Dates | Attendees | Location |
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| 19 – 27 Nov 2011 | Mr Warren King, Chief Executive Officer DMO Ms Liesl O'Meara, Special Counsel, DMO Mr Mark Gairey, Director Program Management, Future Submarine | Sweden |
| 20 Sept 2012 | Mr Harry Dunstall, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Ms Michele Miller, Director International Materiel Cooperation | Sweden |
| 25 – 28 Mar 2013 | Mr Harry Dunstall, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Mr David Gould, General Manager Submarines Ms Liesl O'Meara, Special Counsel | Thailand (Bangkok) |