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MINISTER FOR DEFENCE

Leader of the Government in the Senate

Mr Brenton Holmes
Secretary
Senate Legislation Committee on Foreign Affairs,
Defence and Trade
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Holmes

On 5 November 2003 I represented the Government in the consideration of the Department of Defence Additional Estimates. I have reviewed my answers and refreshed my memory.

In answer to a question from Senator Allison, I stated that the Victorian State Government did not make a bid in the leasehold tender process for Defence land at Point Nepean. I should have said the Victorian Government did not make a compliant bid.

I would also like to clarify comments that the Victorian State Government has not offered the Commonwealth money. It would have been more accurate to say the Victorian Government has not offered any more than a nominal sum.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Hill', written over a large, stylized flourish.

Robert Hill