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Dr Kathleen Dermody

Secretary

Senate Legislation Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Department of the Senate

Parliament House

CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Dermody,

I write to correct evidence given by Air Chief Marshal (ACM) Angus Houston, Chief of the Defence Force, at the Senate Legislation Committee 2005-06 budget supplementary estimates hearing on 2 November 2005. This evidence concerned compensation payments made in Iraq.

In answer to a question from Senator Faulkner (page 14 of *Proof Hansard* 2 November 2005), ACM Houston stated "There have been 25 compensation claims paid in that theatre". In answer to a later question from Senator Faulkner regarding the total amount paid for these claims (also on page 14), ACM Houston stated "It is \$US16,896.50".

The information provided to ACM Houston was incorrect. There have been 24 payments made for a total of \$US18,346.50 (\$AUD25,690.57).

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely,

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