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Dr Kathleen Dermody

Secretary
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Dear Dr Dermody

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing held on 19 October 2010 concerning RAAF Base Scherger.

In answer to a question from Senator Ian MacDonald (page 93 of *Proof Hansard* 19OCT10), I stated that "The thing is that the only parts of the base that are going to be used are the accommodation blocks". This information was incomplete because I should have also added that "The runway will also be used for flights associated with the short term use of Scherger by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship."

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

A.G. HOUSTON, AC, AFC
Air Chief Marshal
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Dear Dr Dermody

I write to clarify evidence that I gave at the Additional Budget Estimates hearing held on 19 October 2010 concerning whether Hi Fly will be applying for an Australian Aircraft Operating Certificate and Regular Passenger Transport designation.

In answer to a question from statement by me (page 77 of *Proof Hansard* 19 October 2010), I stated that I also understand that once the contract is signed Hi Fly will be applying for an Australian Aircraft Operating Certificate and Regular Passenger Transport designation. This information was incorrect because Hi Fly are not required to hold an Australian Aircraft Operating Certificate to meet the contract requirements. Hi Fly will comply with Civil Aviation Safety Authority and Australian Defence Force airworthiness requirements, that require charter aircraft carrying Defence passengers to hold a Certificate of Air Worthiness from one of the following five countries/regions i.e. Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Europe and United States of America and be certified for Regular Passenger Transport.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Dr Dermody

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the Additional Budget Estimates hearing held on 19 October 2010 concerning submarine availability.

In answering a question from Senator Johnston (page 69 of *Proof Hansard* 19 October 2010), I stated that "HMAS *Collins* has been deployed this year and was part of Exercise Kakadu. As I recall, we did have a small starter motor in *Collins* in Darwin...". This information was incorrect. The submarine with the motor problem was HMAS *Dechaineux*.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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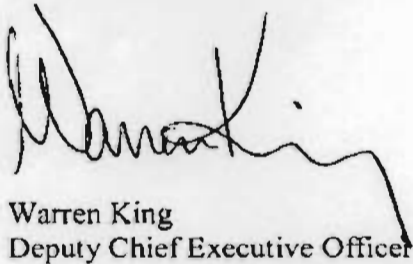
Dear Dr Dermody

I write to clarify evidence that was given at the Additional Budget Estimates hearing held on Tuesday 19 October 2010 concerning Project LAND 121 Phase 3, Medium Heavy Capability.

In answer to a question to me from Senator Humphries, pages 87-88 of the Hansard for Tuesday 19 October, the Chief Executive Officer of the Defence Materiel Organisation, Dr Stephen Gumley stated that the value of the Medium Heavy Capability element of Project LAND 121 Phase 3 was \$1.7B. This amount did not include the normal contingency funding provision for the project. The full total, including contingency provision, is \$1.9B

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely



Warren King
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

16 November 2010