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Senator Mark Bishop
Chair
Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Department of the Senate
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator Bishop

I write to correct evidence given to the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on 18 October 2010.

In answer to the following question from Senator Trood on the proceedings against Japan in the International Court of Justice: 'I am interested to know the status of our international court proceedings against the Japanese in relation to whaling.'

Mr Rowe stated (page **46**, lines **9 and 10**) 'We are now in the situation where we have until 9 **March** next year to file our memorial, in other words our expanded statement in support of our application, and Japan has until 9 **May** 2012 to file its counter memorial.'

In this statement the dates were cited incorrectly. The answer should read; 'We are now in the situation where we have until 9 **May** next year to file our memorial, in other words our expanded statement in support of our application, and Japan has until 9 **March** 2012 to file its counter memorial.'

Yours sincerely

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