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Dear Dr Dermody

I seek to make corrections to evidence given to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing on 17 October 2012.

On page 110-111 of the proof Committee Hansard, in answering a question, Ms Daniel states 'We have looked at depression in Australian Gulf War veterans: we have done that through Monash and the Murdoch Children's Research Institute'(MCRI). This is not correct, the research is yet to start and it is not being undertaken by the MCRI. Ms Daniel's would like the correction to read, 'We will be looking at depression in Australian Gulf War veterans. This research, to be undertaken through Monash University, is currently under contract negotiation.'

Also on page 110-111, in that same response from Ms Daniel, she advised that, 'We have done a systematic review of psychological disorder, multi-symptom disorder and chronic fatigue for the Gulf War, Iraq War and Afghanistan with Monash.' Again, this is incorrect, the research is yet to start. Ms Daniel's would like the correction to read, 'A systematic review of psychological disorder, multi-symptom disorder and chronic fatigue for the Gulf War, Iraq War and Afghanistan will also be undertaken with Monash University. The contract is currently being negotiated.'

The final correction relates to page 121, where Senate Ronaldson asked 'When did the applications close?' Mr Farrelly states 'April'. Mr Farrelly would like this corrected to read '4 April'.

Yours sincerely

Ian Campbell
Secretary

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