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Mr David Sullivan
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Senate Standing Committee
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Sullivan

**Correction of evidence at the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on
20 November 2013**

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing held on 20 November 2013 concerning appointments of Ministerial staff and aide-de-camp staff within the Ministers and Parliamentary Secretary's offices and the status of a new lease between Department of Defence and Rockhampton Regional Council at Rockhampton Airport.

In an answer to a question from Senator Farrell (page 12 of *Proof Hansard* 20 November 2013), I stated that aides-de camp had been appointed for each of the ministers and one for the Parliamentary Secretary. This information was incorrect; the Parliamentary Secretary does not have an aide-de-camp within his staff allocation.

In answer to a question from Senator Ian Macdonald (page 77 of *Proof Hansard* 20 November 2013), I incorrectly stated that Defence had signed a new seven year lease in the last four weeks. Although the lease document had been prepared, Defence was conducting final negotiations with the Rockhampton Regional Council for an additional option term. On 27 November 2013, Defence executed the new lease for a seven year term with three one-year options.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Secretary Defence Support and Reform

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