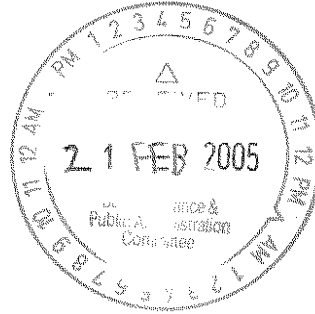




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Mr Alistair Sands  
Secretary  
Senate Finance and Public Administration  
Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Sands

I am writing with embarrassment to correct some information I provided to the Committee during the hearing on 14 February 2005.

In speaking about ASIO's immigration related activities I said that additional funding was being provided to ASIO in the additional estimates. That was my understanding at the time. It has now been drawn to my attention that there is a commitment by the government to provide the additional funding, but it is not included in these additional estimates.

I sincerely apologise for not providing the Committee with accurate information on this point.

Yours sincerely

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