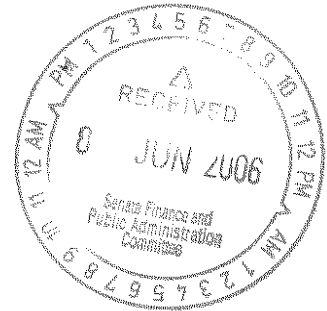




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Correction to information provided on act of grace payments relating to the Iraq war.

On 24 February 2006 at Finance's estimates hearings, Senator Faulkner asked some questions concerning act of grace payments relating to the Iraq war.

In reply to a question from Senator Faulkner, that the committee be brought up to date with the situation in relation to act of grace payments relating to the Iraq war, an answer was given that three payments in respect of four Iraqi citizens had been made. The answer included advice that a payment of \$12,780 was approved in March 2005, being \$6,390 each for two people.

The correct advice should have been that a payment of \$10,240 was made in March 2005, being \$6,390 for one person, and \$3,850 for another.

The information concerning the other two payments being that \$6,618 was approved in December 2005, and \$53,128 was approved in March 2006, was correct.

I regret that I was not in a position to provide the up to date information on the afternoon of 24 February 2005.

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