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**CORRECTION TO EVIDENCE
Budget Estimates 24 May 2011**

I wish to correct the record in relation to evidence provided at the Budget Estimates hearing on 24 May 2011 concerning the National Security and International Policy Group within the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

On page 11 of the Proof Hansard for 24 May 2011, I am quoted as follows:

It is the funding that was around the creation of the border protection taskforce and the border protection working group in particular within our department. We have, as you are aware, a whole of government policy co-ordination function. It is not operational, but policy co-ordination. The water protection taskforce, which I chair, which has representation from across the Commonwealth, is supported by a small secretariat, being the border protection working group within our department.

The reference to the 'water' protection taskforce should be amended to be the 'border' protection taskforce.

On page 12 of the Proof Hansard for 24 May 2011, I am quoted as follows:

There is another measure here, being one-off funding for cybercoordination, which amounts to \$0.41 million in 2010-11 and \$0.45 million in 2011-12. That was the role which transferred from ASIO and Defence.

The figure for 2011-12 should read '\$0.505 million' rather than '\$0.45 million'.

On page 13 of the Proof Hansard for 24 May 2011, I am quoted as follows:

I have been through the one-off direct expenses that have been cut, that account for, as I say, over 80 per cent of the funding reductions. The staffing numbers within the group have remained largely constant. We are still sitting with an ASL of 127, I think. There has no appreciable diminution of that. There are some recruiting fluctuations obviously and there may be vacancies being filled time to time.

The figure for staffing for the National Security and International Policy Group should read 'an FTE of 137', rather than 'an ASL of 127'.

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