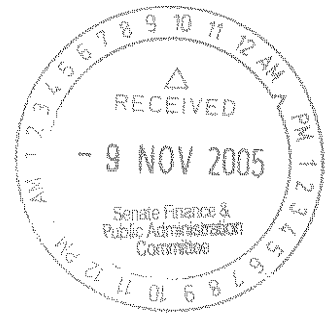


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Mr Alistair Sands
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Senate Legislation Committee
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Dear Alistair

In my appearance before the committee on 31 October 2005 I noted that ONA produced its first report on bird flu in May/June 05.

I would like to draw to the attention of the committee that ONA's first report on the possibility of a pandemic from bird flu was in fact produced as far back as January 2004 and that subsequently ONA has produced three further reports on bird flu.

I would be grateful if you would draw this correction to the attention of the committee.

Yours sincerely

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