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Committee Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
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Dear Committee Secretary,

It has come to my attention that there was an error in the evidence that I gave to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee on 15 October 2012.

In response to a question from Senator Ludlam about whether ASIO had provided properly certified copies of warrants to carriers I said that:

...the warrants had been certified but the copy of the certified warrant that had been forwarded to the carrier was a faxed copy...

I then referred again to a 'faxed' copy later in my answer and in response to a follow up question from Senator Faulkner.

I have now checked our records and realised that the copy of the warrants that was provided to the carriers was not *faxed* but was *hand delivered*. It is correct that the carriers were provided a copy of the warrants signed by the Attorney-General but that copy had not been properly certified. This problem arose in a small number of cases in 2010 and we have not identified any recurrence of the problem.

I apologise for this error and would be happy to provide any further clarification required by the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Inspector-General

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