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**LETTER OF CORRECTION – AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE (AFP) APPEARANCE
BEFORE SENATE ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING 18 FEBRUARY 2008**

During the Additional Estimates Hearing before the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs on 18 February 2008, Commissioner Keelty was questioned in regards to the complaint against Barrister Stephen Keim SC, made by the AFP to the Queensland Legal Services Commission. The extract of the transcript is:

Senator Brandis:

I want to come back to the leak by the barrister Stephen Keim. You told us that the Queensland Legal Services Commission, the professional standards body, found that there had been a technical breach of the rules of the Bar Association. Is the adjective 'technical' your adjective or theirs?

Commissioner Keelty: *I don't think I have their correspondence in front of me. It is their terminology.*

The term 'technical breach' was used in the wording of the briefing provided to Commissioner Keelty in preparation of the estimates hearing; it is this brief he referred whilst providing testimony.

I write to correct the record that our Legal services section has reviewed the documentation from the Queensland Legal Services Commission and the terminologies used in this letter were "breach" and "contravention" and not 'technical' breach.

Yours Sincerely



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