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Department of Immigration and Citizenship

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Ms Julie Dennett
Secretary
Senate, Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Parliament House
Canberra
ACT 2600



Dear Ms Dennett

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS - CORRECTION TO ERROR OF FACT

I appeared as a witness for Program 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 at the Additional Estimates hearing on Monday 21 February 2011 for the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio.

I wish to advise you of a correction to an error of fact made by me at the hearing during deliberations of Program 4.3 'Offshore Asylum Seeker Management':

As noted in the following extract from page L&C 109 of the proof transcript I incorrectly confirmed that the number of incidents of voluntary starvation this financial year was 158. This is not the case. There were 97 incidents of voluntary starvation involving 158 clients as at 4 February 2011.

Senator Cash—How did this compare retrospectively each year since 2001? How many reported hunger strike incidents have occurred in detention centres-it is the same list that I mentioned previously-since 2007? Do you have any statistics on that?

Ms Wilson—In terms of voluntary starvation, there were 158 incidents this financial year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any inquiries in relation to this correction.

Yours sincerely

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