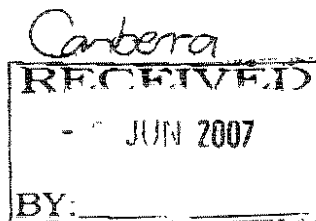


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 Justice Morrison

Senator G Barnett
 Chair
 Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
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Dear Senator Barnett

Re: Correction to statement made at Budget Estimates

I am writing on behalf of the CrimTrac Chief Executive Officer Ben McDevitt to correct a statement that was made at Budget Estimates 23 May 2007.

On page 59 of Hansard for 23 May the following question is posed and responded to:

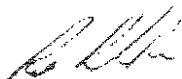
Senator LUDWIG—Can you tell me what a non-volunteer is?

Mr McDevitt—I will need to correct this if I am wrong, but my sense is that it would be somebody who is not clearly in the position of being categorised firmly as a suspect. They are not a volunteer but may well be a person of interest who has not graduated to the point of being recognised as a suspect. I will need to correct myself if that is not right, but I think that is what it is.

According to the memorandum of understanding between CrimTrac and Northern Territory Police the definition of Non-Volunteer is 'a DNA profile, other than a Volunteer DNA profile, including, but not limited to, a DNA Profile taken from a crime scene, a deceased or missing person or a person from whom a DNA sample was taken under Territory DNA legislation.'

Thank you for this opportunity to correct the record.

Yours sincerely



Peter Bickerton
 Deputy CEO Operations

30 May 2007