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Senator Patricia Crossin
Chair
Senate Standing Committee
on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600


Dear Senator

Correction of answer given on 27 May 2009: Review of customary law (bail and sentencing) amendments

I wish to correct the information I provided to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs in answer to a question at the Budget estimates hearings on 27 May 2009. I refer to information I provided in response to a question from Senator Barnett about the status of a Departmental review of customary law amendments made to Commonwealth and Northern Territory bail and sentencing laws.

In response to that question, I indicated that a final draft of the report on the review was being considered by the Minister (27 May 2008: L&C transcript p37 lines 21-22). In fact, a draft report was provided to the Office of the Minister for Home Affairs on 21 May 2009 for information. The Department is consulting with other Commonwealth Departments before submitting a final report to the Minister for Home Affairs for consideration.

Yours sincerely


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