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**Department of Immigration and Citizenship**

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Ms Julie Dennett  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Ms Dennett

**BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES - CORRECTION TO ERROR OF FACT**

I appeared as a witness at the Budget Senate Estimates hearing on Wednesday, 26 May 2010 for the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio.

I wish to advise of a correction to an error of fact made by me at the hearing on Wednesday 26 May 2010 during deliberations of 'Outcome 2 – Protection, resettlement and temporary safe haven for refugees and people in humanitarian need through partnering with international agencies; assessing humanitarian visa applications; and refugee and humanitarian policy advice and program design'.

As per the following extract from page L&C 98 of the proof transcript, I incorrectly advised Senator Humphries that irregular maritime arrivals are assisted by the 'immigration advice and asylum assistance scheme' providers. The correct title of the scheme is the Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme.

**Senator Humphries**—I have a question about legal aid or legal assistance. For people who are seeking assessment as a refugee or for people who have sought and been refused such an assessment, what legal assistance is available to them?

**Mr Hughes**—The regular maritime arrivals are assisted by the [immigration advice and asylum assistance scheme](#) service providers to submit their claims.

**Senator Humphries**—And that is all internal, is it?

Please contact me if you have any inquiries in relation to the correction.

Yours sincerely

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