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



Dear Ms Dennett

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS- CORRECTION TO ERROR OF FACT

I appeared as a witness for Program 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 at the Budget Estimates hearing on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 May 2010 for the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio.

I wish to advise you of corrections to errors of fact made by me at the hearing on Thursday 27 May 2010 during deliberations of Program 4.3 'Offshore Asylum Seeker Management':

As noted in the following extract from page L&C 24 of the proof transcript I incorrectly confirmed that the number of cases of self-harm on Christmas Island since July 2008 was six. This is not the case. There were nine incidents of self-harm on Christmas Island since July 2008.

Senator Hanson-Young—Could I go back particularly to Christmas Island, but if there are other cases in the mainland facilities, I would need to know those numbers as well. I would like to know what the numbers of cases of self-harm have been on Christmas Island in the last six months.

Ms Wilson—Since July 2008 there have been six reports of self-harm incidents on Christmas Island.

In the following extract from page L&C 25 of the proof transcript I incorrectly confirmed that the 60 unaccompanied minors at Port Augusta were all Afghan nationals. This is not the case. The split in nationalities at 19 May 2010 were - 55 Afghani, 1 Iranian, 2 Iraqi and 2 stateless persons.

Senator Hanson-Young—I have just two areas left and then we can go back to the opposition, Chair. I want to chase up on the 60 unaccompanied minors at Port Augusta. Is my understanding correct that they are all Afghani boys?

Ms Wilson—Yes, that is correct.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any inquiries in relation to these corrections.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wilson' with a stylized flourish above the 'i'.

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