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Senator Glenn Sterle
Chair
Senate Standing Committee on Rural Affairs and Transport
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Dear Senator Sterle

Clarification of Statements at Senate Estimates 22 February 2011

I write in relation to certain statements made by the Director of Aviation Safety, Mr John McCormick, during the appearance of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) at the Senate Additional Estimates hearing on 22 February 2011.

On page 100 of the relevant *Hansard*, in response to a question by Senator Xenophon, Mr McCormick said that CASA could not demand that operators holding a Foreign Aircraft Air Operator's Certificate (FAAOC) must have a training and checking organisation under regulation 217 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 (CAR).

While it was correct to say that CASA may not make such a 'demand' of an applicant for or holder of a FAAOC, it is nevertheless a requirement that all holders of Air Operator's Certificates must have a training and checking organisation consistent with the requirements contemplated by CAR 217. In the absence of a training and checking organisation of that kind, CASA would not issue a FAAOC to an operator, and would not permit the holder of a FAAOC to continue operating into Australia.

CASA apologises for any unintended confusion or misunderstanding Mr McCormick's statement may have caused.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Aleck'.

for Dr Jonathan Aleck
Associate Director of Aviation Safety