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Senator Glenn Sterle
Chair Senate Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
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Dear Senator Sterle

Budget Estimates – May 2011

I write regarding a statement made by Mr Julian Walsh of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau at the Budget Estimates Hearings held on 26 May 2011.

At the time of the hearings, information was given that may have been ambiguous. The excerpt appears in the Hansard as follows:

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In response to a question from Senator Xenophon regarding pilot reports, Mr Walsh stated: 'I think that would be desirable, but that is probably not what is happening, to be quite honest.'

Please be advised that the response should read:
'I think that would be desirable, and that is probably what is happening, to be quite honest.'

I apologise on behalf of the ATSB and Mr Walsh for the inaccuracy and trust this will remove any ambiguity. Mr Walsh would have attended to this matter personally, but he is currently on recreation leave from the ATSB and has asked me to write on his behalf.

Yours sincerely

Martin Dolan