



AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA

The Secretary
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
Legislation Committee (SG62)
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

RE: Senate Estimates - Question on Notice - Correction

I refer to my testimony before the Committee on Monday 14 February 2005 and a subsequent question taken on notice from Senator Bishop concerning a request for Airservices to supply a copy of the Mr Bernie Smith, CEO resignation letter.

I wish to correct our response, to AA06, to state that it was me who talked to both the Deputy Chairman and Mr Bernie Smith and not Hisham El Ansary, as stated in our previously submitted response.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify this point for the Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Grant', written in a cursive style.

Tom Grant
General Manager and
Corporate Secretary

24 June 2005

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Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Transport and Regional Services

Department of Transport and Regional Services

Consideration of Additional Budget Estimates February 2005

Question No.: RAA 06

Topic: Mr Bernie Smith's Retirement

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Senator Bishop asked:

Did Mr Smith provide a letter of resignation to the Board? Could a copy of that be made available to the Committee?

Answer:

The response by ~~Mr Hisham El Ansary, Acting CEO~~ Mr Tom Grant, General Manager, Organisation Development Unit and Corporate Secretary, is as follows:

I have discussed this matter with the Deputy Chairman of the Airservices Board and Mr Smith, and have carefully examined the content of the letter. It is my view that the correspondence contains information that is of a personal nature which is sensitive to Mr Smith's employment. Mr Smith has advised me that he does not agree to this information being made public and, accordingly given our obligations under the Commonwealth *Privacy Act 1988* and subsequent amendments, I must decline to release the letter to the Committee.