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Dear Mr Motha

In answering a question during RRAT Estimates yesterday, I believe that you mislead the Committee.

Concerned that the Australian Road Fatalities September 2006 statistics were not loaded on the ATSB website on October 20, my office contacted the ATSB enquiry line to ask when the statistics would be available. My office was advised that the figures were inadvertently loaded only under 'Publications and Reports' and that the problem would be rectified.

The Australian Road Fatalities Statistics section was then updated with the September statistics.

In responding to a question to the Department about issues concerning the loading of the Australian Road Fatalities Statistics for September, you advised that these figures were correctly loaded on the ATSB website.

Mr Motha, although the statistics are correctly loaded now, that was not the case when my office contacted the ATSB on October 20.

Yours sincerely

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