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## Dear Dr Bachelard

Thank you for your letter of 2 April 2004 requesting corrections to the proof Hansard transcript of evidence that I gave to the Economics Committee on Monday, 22 March 2004.

I wish to advise that I see no need to correct the transcript of the evidence I provided.

I would, however, request that the Committee accept the following supplementary submission clarifying the evidence I provided, in relation to Senator Stott Despoja's question (ref. pp E19 of proof Hansard):

While there is only one recently granted permit - NT/P65, - which lies wholly within the area which is the subject of East Timor's claim, there is another permit - NT/P68 - which lies partially within the area.

Yours sincerely

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