



Australian Government

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Dr Kathleen Dermody
Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Parliament of Australia
PO Box 6100 Parliament House
Canberra

Dear Dr Dermody

Please find enclosed our comments on the proof of the Hansard transcript of AusAID's presentation to the Senate Enquiry into Australia's involvement in United Nations peacekeeping operations on 25th July 2007. In submitting this proof, I would ask that you take note of the following factual corrections:

Correction of fact (p.78)

Mr March - *Not to my knowledge. I do not believe that that question has been asked of us as a government previously.*

- Following the public hearing, it has been brought to our attention that Australia, through DFAT, pays Australia's assessed contributions for UN Peacekeeping Operations. The Committee may wish to contact DFAT for further details about these contributions.

Correction of fact (p.85)

Mr March – *That is the third officer we have had placed there*

- The current AusAID placement with AFP is the third – not second placement as stated during the hearing.

AusAID will submit responses to the questions on notice taken during the hearing and the subsequent written questions on notice by 17th August 2007.

AusAID wishes to thank the Committee for giving us the opportunity to outline our approaches to this important issue. We are ready to provide further clarifications should the Committee require.

Yours sincerely


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