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Mr David Sullivan
Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Sullivan

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the Budget Estimates hearing held on 2 June 2015 concerning fraud reporting in Defence.

On page 54 of Hansard, Senator Gallacher, referring to question on notice number 51 to the Department of Defence from the additional estimates hearing on 25 February, quoted the Department of Defence's reported fraud loss for the 2013-2014 year was nearly \$1.8 million.

In my response on that page of Hansard, I stated:

There are a couple of issues here. The \$950,000 was actually comprised of two separate issues. One involved the theft of a Defence fuel card and the use of that, which was investigated.

I wish to correct this record. My statement should have been:

There is one issue here. \$585,000 involved the theft of a Defence fuel card and the use of that, which was investigated.

The reason for the correction is that during a recent review of 2013-2014 fraud cases in Defence, it was determined that an investigation into an allegation of unapproved expenditure of \$370,000 did not constitute fraud. This fraud record is in the process of being amended. The \$950,000 fraud loss I referred to in Hansard incorrectly included this amount as well as the \$585,000 Defence fuel card fraud.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Geoffrey Brown', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

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