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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Parliament House
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Dear Dr Dermody

Correction to Evidence

I write to correct and clarify evidence that I gave at the Budget Estimates hearing held on 30 May 2011.

I refer to my response to Senator McDonald on page 76 of the Hansard which followed earlier questions from Senator Johnston. The questions had referred to an affidavit from a Mr Coutts-Trotter. I should draw to the attention of the Committee that further review indicates that there was not in fact an affidavit in this matter from Mr Coutts-Trotter, but rather an affidavit from an Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) lawyer which referred to comments apparently provided by Mr Coutts-Trotter to the AGS lawyer. The purpose of the affidavit was to seek an order for the production of documents.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours ~~sincerely~~

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