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Dear Ms Dennett

Proof Committee Hansard - Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

I would like to make the following corrections to my statements before the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee Estimates hearing held on Monday, 15 October 2012:

- 1) On page 48, I state that the policy advice manual is available on our website. It is in fact called the Procedures Advice manual, and is available through the LEGENDcom service, with further information on the Department's website.
- 2) On page 49, I stated that my understanding was that our modified non-return rate does not include people who lodge a protection visa onshore. I have been subsequently advised that the modified non-return rate does include visitor visa holders who lodge protection visas onshore.
 - The modified non-return rate is a calculation of the people who arrive on a Visitor visa but do not depart before their visa expires, other than those who are granted a Skilled, Visitor or Student visa in Australia. This calculation includes people who are granted a protection visa in Australia after their Visitor visa expires.
- 3) On page 51, I list a number of countries with which we have Work and Holiday arrangements with. I did not mention Bangladesh, with which we hold such an agreement. Furthermore, I mentioned Iran while Australia formally had an arrangement with Iran, it has since ceased, and Iran should be removed from the list of Work and Holiday partner countries.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further clarification.

Yours Sincerely

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