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Ms Lyn Beverley  
Secretary  
Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Beverley

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the hearing for the Department of Defence Budget Estimates held on 29 and 30 May 2018 concerning AusTender reporting processes and the officer within the Department of Defence responsible for negotiating the contract with the Hon. David Johnston for the role of Australian Defence Export Advocate.

On page 12 of the proof Hansard for 29 May 2018, I am recorded as having stated: “As the contracts are implemented and invoices are paid, those figures are published on AusTender. So we can take that on notice and come back to you.”

I would like to remove the words “and invoices are paid,” to ensure that my evidence accurately reflects the related policy and process for AusTender reporting.

On page 53 of the proof Hansard for 29 May 2018, I am recorded as having stated: “Mr Damien Chifley—he’s a departmental employee.” and “No, he’s an executive level officer.”.

I would like to change the words “Damien Chifley” to “Matt Ramage” to ensure that my evidence accurately reflects the responsible negotiating officer and change the words “No, he’s an executive level officer” to “Yes” to reflect the previous change.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Deputy Secretary  
Strategic Policy and Intelligence  
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