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

Dear Ms Lyn 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 the length of the contract 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 11 of the proof Hansard for 29 May 2018, I am recorded as having stated: “The contract is only for a one-year period; then it can be extended.”

I would like to change the word “one-year” to “two-year” to ensure that my evidence accurately reflects the related contract length on AusTender.

On page 53 of the proof Hansard for 29 May 2018, I am recorded as having stated: “It was undertaken by the head of the Defence Export Office” and “2.1”.

I would like to change the words “head of the Defence Export Office” to “Assistant Secretary Defence Industry Branch with assistance from the head of the Defence Export Office” to ensure that my evidence accurately reflects the responsible negotiating officer and change the word “2.1” to “Yes” to reflect the previous change.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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