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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 Budget Estimates held on 29 and 30 May 2017 concerning the cost and volume capability of the PFAS water treatment plants at RAAF Base Tindal. On page 39 of the Hansard, I indicated that the Department of Defence would be installing two plants at RAAF Base Tindal. I also indicated I would take on notice the question about the cost of the plants; they will cost approximately \$14,000,000 each, exclusive of GST for operation over a 3 year period.

During the hearing I indicated the plants would have the capability to treat five million litres of water per day. In fact, each plant has the capability to treat between 5 and 7 million litres of water a week.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely,

**Steve Grzeskowiak**  
Deputy Secretary Estate and Infrastructure

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