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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 clarify evidence that I gave at the hearing for Budget Estimates held on 29 May 2018 concerning Operation Augury-Philippines funding.

Page 8 of the Hansard transcript states “But for the record, Defence has allocated \$39.1 million for Operation Augury in the Philippines in the 2016-18 financial years. As of 30 April 2018, Defence had spent \$7.6 million of this funding, but the difference in the figures may in part arise from the rapid nature of the deployment and also the fact that not all costs have yet been captured.”

The correct wording should be:

“But for the record, Defence has allocated \$39.1 million for Operation Augury in the Philippines in the 2017-18 financial years. As of 30 April 2018, Defence had spent \$7.6 million of this funding, but the difference in the figures may in part arise from the rapid nature of the deployment and also the fact that not all costs have yet been captured.”

For the Committee’s further information, Defence has allocated \$40.1 million in funding for Operation Augury-Philippines in the 2018-19 financial year.

Yours sincerely

Greg Moriarty
Secretary

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