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Director

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Ms Lyn Beverley  
Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade  
Department of the Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Beverley

I am writing to request clarification of evidence to the Proof Committee Hansard for the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee of 30 May 2018.

On page 76 of the Proof Committee Hansard, Senator Gallacher questioned the funding provided for an initial and detailed business case for a proposal to redevelop the Memorial. At the time I advised Senator Gallacher that the estimated cost for development of the business cases was \$17.4million. The estimate was in fact \$16.4million. I also advised that the residual amount of \$7.4million would be returned to Government. The residual amount should read as \$6.4million.

Further, on page 77, I advised that \$1.6million of the government funding for the digitation and sustainability measures would be provided over the four years of the estimates for the digitization of our highest priorities. This amount will in fact be provided each year over the four years.

Additionally, on page 78, Senator Gallacher asked the Memorial if its staffing levels were capped at a 2012 level. At the time I confirmed Senator Gallacher's question however have since been advised that the Memorial's staffing levels are capped at FY 2006-07 levels.

I would be grateful if you could provide these corrections to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

Brendan Nelson