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Lyn Beverly  
Committee Secretary  
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee  
Department of the Senate  
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Dear Ms Beverly,

I am writing to correct evidence given during the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Senate Estimates hearing on Thursday, 29 October 2020.

I would like to correct my response to Senator Ayres' question that related to the timing of the release of the text of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (refer to Hansard page 101). I said:

“ ... it is typical ASEAN practice not to release texts of agreements when signed”.

But should have said:

“ ... it is typical ASEAN practice not to release texts of agreements until signed”.

Yours sincerely

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