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Ms Lyn Beverly  
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Dear Ms Beverly

I seek to advise you of an error made at the 25 October 2017 Defence Estimates Hearing.

At Page 81 of Hansard dated 25 October 2017, Mr Prior, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) stated:

*"The loss for credit card fraud in 2016-17 was \$54,155. That represents 0.009 percent of total credit card expenditure. It represents 8.89 per cent of the reported fraud loss for 2016-17. So the credit card fraud activity is \$54,000 approximately out of the \$600,000 I quoted."*

The information provided to the CFO by Audit and Fraud Control Division was incorrect as a result of two Code of Conduct cases being erroneously omitted from the information originally provided.

The confirmed loss for finalised investigations into credit card fraud for 2016-17 was \$58,989.69, which arose from 46 investigations. This represents less than 0.01 per cent of the total corporate credit card expenditure and 9.69 per cent of the reported fraud loss for 2016-17.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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