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Ms Lyn Beverley  
Secretary  
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee  
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Dear Ms Beverley

I wish to correct my testimony at the Senate Foreign Affairs and Trade Legislation Committee Supplementary budget hearing on 26 October 2017.

In the response to questions on the Papua New Guinea Governance Facility (PGF) by Senator Moore, I stated that DFAT has a quality technical assurance group (QTAG), which brings together expertise from across the agency to provide advice to a senior management committee overseeing the PGF.

In fact, this group is known as the PGF Reference Group. We do have plans for an external QTAG to provide the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade with independent advice on how the PGF is performing. It will be comprised of external governance and aid development experts. The tender for the QTAG closed on 6 November and we anticipate it becoming operational in 2018.

I would appreciate if you would pass this advice to the Committee and my sincere apologies for the error.

Yours sincerely

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