



10 November 2017

Mr Timothy Watling
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Watling

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection appeared at the Senate Supplementary Budget Estimates Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee hearing on Monday 23 October 2017.

In my capacity as Deputy Commissioner Support, I gave evidence to the Senate and have reviewed the Hansard record. In relation to my testimony, I have become aware of the need to correct responses I made to a number of questions from Senator Macdonald.

The particular reference for correction is on page 85 from 23 October 2017 in response to the question from Senator Macdonald "Are they fibreglass?"

My response to this question was, "No. They are steel hull."

This response is not an accurate reflection of the matter and I am providing the following correction of evidence in response to this question:

"The Fast Response Boats are of aluminium construction."

Further another particular reference for correction is on page 85 from 23 October 2017 in response to the question from Senator Macdonald "Has it increased since the original price?"

My response to this question was in part, "It cost an additional \$1.5 million to meet the AMSA requirements..."

This response is not an accurate reflection of the matter and I am providing the following correction of evidence in response to this question:

"The ABF increased the value of the Foreign Military Sales Arrangement by \$500,000 USD in January 2016 to take into account the additional design changes and additional spare parts to support the remote area operational environment of the Torres Strait."

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this clarification, which will ensure that correct information has been provided to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee.

Yours sincerely

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