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Dear Ms Luschtinetz

Thank you for the transcript of the JSCOT proceedings which I attended on behalf of the Department of Foreign Affairs on 29 November 2005. I have no comments to make on the transcript.

During the proceedings I undertook to reply to Sen Wortley in reply to his question as to whether Australia's Turkish community was formally consulted about the agreement (Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement with Turkey) through the negotiating period. I have since been able to confirm that Australia's Turkish community was not formally consulted about the agreement through the negotiating period.

Regards Richard Mathews.

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