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Dear Mr Hawkins

I refer to the appearance by ANSTO before the Committee on 6 November. During ANSTO's appearance, Senator Trood asked whether all ASEAN Member States were party to the Additional Protocol (Hansard, page FADT 6). At the time, I indicated that I would have to take the question on notice.

I have since checked with the IAEA website and with the Australian Safeguards and Non-proliferation Office (ASNO), and can advise that the status of ASEAN Member States with respect to the Additional Protocol is as follows:

Brunei	No
Burma	No
Cambodia	No
Indonesia	In force
Laos	No
Malaysia	Signed, but not yet in force
Philippines	Signed, but not yet in force
Singapore	In force
Thailand	Signed, but not yet in force
Vietnam	Signed, but not yet in force

I note that all ASEAN states with significant nuclear activities have signed the Additional Protocol (although most have not yet ratified it). ASNO is assisting those states on the practical implementation of the Protocol, with a view to removing obstacles to early ratification.

I hope that this information is of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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