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Dr J Southcott
Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Southcott

On 27 November 2006 I attended a hearing of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties to give evidence in relation to amendments made to the *International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling* at the International Whaling Commission in St Kitts and Nevis in June 2006 and tabled in the House on 17 October 2006.

I wish to advise that I made an inadvertent error during the hearing. The correct information in relation to the question asked by Senator Trood "are negotiations or discussions continuing on the revised management scheme?" (p. TR 7), should have been:

Not at present. The IWC has not scheduled discussions on the Revised Management Scheme (RMS) for the next meeting in Anchorage in May 2007.

The answer I provided related to the RMP (the Revised Management Procedure), an associated management instrument in the IWC. I hope you will convey this correction to the other Committee members and offer my apologies.

Yours sincerely

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