



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Veterans' Affairs**

Mr David Sullivan  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee  
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Dear Mr Sullivan

As you are aware, the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) attended an Additional Estimates hearing on Wednesday 10 February 2016, with the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee. DVA also attended a spillover hearing on Thursday 25 February 2016.

Due to the number of questions taken on notice at the spillover hearing, I would like to request a two week extension in providing responses to enable DVA sufficient time to respond to the questions.

Additionally, I wish to correct an answer provided by Narelle Dotta, First Assistant Secretary Corporate Division, at the spillover hearing in response to Senator Lambie's question on the number of IT contractors (p. 16 of the Proof Hansard). This should be amended from 'In the 2015-16 financial year to date we have entered into 109 contracts and the estimated value of those contracts is in the order of \$17 million', to 'In the 2015-16 financial year to date, we have entered into 121 contracts and the estimated value of those contracts is in the order of \$19 million.'

I would appreciate if you could pass on the Department's apology for providing an inaccurate response to the Committee.

Regards

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