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Mr David Sullivan  
Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on  
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Sullivan

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the Budget Estimates hearing held on 1 and 2 June 2015 concerning the United States Army anthrax shipment to Australia in 2008. Please note the following corrections:

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The samples in question came from the US Army Research Laboratories, not the Centre of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) which is part of the US Department of Health and Human Services.

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Negative pressure ventilation (not positive pressure) is used in the PC-2 and PC-3 laboratories to reduce the risk of hazardous substances escaping. Positive ventilation suits are not used or required in PC-2 and PC-3 laboratories; DSTO does not have any PC-4 laboratories where such suits are required.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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