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

Dear Mr Sullivan

I write to correct information I provided to the Senate Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade Legislation Committee Budget Estimates Hearing on 4 June 2015. I refer to the question asked by Senator Rhiannon on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's relationship with Mr Anthony Regan in the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Program (SSGM). The discussion is referenced on page 41 of Hansard.

Noting the discussion is about an individual, Mr Anthony Regan, my response should have referred to him and not to the SSGM. This necessitates one change as follows:

Senator RHIANNON: Is it that the position does not exist or he does not have that position?

Mr Sloper: He works for that group within the Australian National University, but ~~he~~ has no formal advisory role other than that we consult with a range of academics across Australia who have experiences in Papua New Guinea and he is one of those we consult with.

I would be grateful if you could pass on to the Committee my sincere apology for providing an inaccurate response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Sloper'.

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