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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 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing held on 21 October 2015. At the beginning of page 18 of the proof Hansard, Senator Conroy asked "What does Task Force 50 do at the moment?"

My response should state:

"Task Force 50 is the aircraft carrier strike group component of the US 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet and Command of the Task Force is retained by the US. It is not part of the Combined Maritime Forces. I understand that the French aircraft carrier will join Task Force 50 for a period."

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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Vice Admiral, Royal Australian Navy

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