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CORRECTIONS TO EVIDENCE
Budget Estimates 27 May 2014

I wish to advise the following corrections to the record in relation to evidence provided at the Budget Estimates hearing on 27 May 2014 concerning the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

1. On page 56 of the Proof Hansard for Tuesday 27 May 2014, Ms McIntyre is quoted as follows:

    Ms McIntyre: It depends on the information they are accessing, but, at a minimum, they have to have a baseline protected clearance, because their emails are on the department's protected email environment. So they all have a baseline clearance.
    Senator WONG: Is there a 'negative vetting 2' security clearance?
    Ms McIntyre: There is a category at that level. Not all of the staff would have that.
    Senator WONG: So staff doing what sorts of activities or accessing what sorts of documents would require that level of security clearance? If you are reading ASIS cables and attending national security meetings, I assume negative vetting 2 is required.
    Ms McIntyre: That is correct.

Ms McIntyre wishes to correct the statement "that is correct" with the following:

    The minimum clearance required for staff in the Prime Minister's Office is Negative Vetting level 2.

2. On page 60 of the Proof Hansard for Tuesday 27 May 2014, Ms Wood is quoted as follows:

    Ms Wood: .... But, within Australia and in our own terminology, we use the term Burma.

Ms Wood wishes to correct this statement with the following:

    But, within Australian, in our own terminology, and also in multilateral forums such as the United Nations, we use the term Burma.

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