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Ms Toni Matulick  
Secretary of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Dear Ms Matulick,

In regard to Handard (Monday, 27 February 2017), Page 24, Paras 6, 7, 8:

I apologise to the committee as I did not hear Senator McKim's question correctly and answered in regard to assistance provided to the Papua New Guinea government as discussed in the previous question.

Had I realised at the time that Senator McKim had included Nauru I would have advised that the Australian Government has assisted the Government of Nauru with the construction of a prison which was completed in December 2016.

The relevant extract:

**Ms Moy:** The secretary is correct: the facility that we are assisting the government of Papua New Guinea with in Port Moresby is an immigration transit facility; it is not a prison.

**Senator McKIM:** Is that the only immigration transit facility or prison that the department is currently assisting either the PNG government or the Nauruan government with?

**Ms Moy:** That is correct.

Again my apologies to the committee.

Yours sincerely

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