



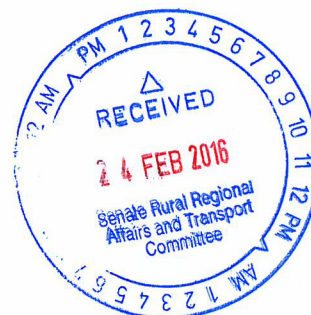
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Senator Bill Heffernan
Chair
Senate Standing Committee on Rural and
Regional Affairs and Transport
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Senator Heffernan

Clarification of statement made at Estimates hearing on 8 February 2016

I write to clarify and correct a statement made by Dr Jonathan Aleck in the course of an exchange with Senator O'Sullivan about Jabiru engine-related issues in the course of the proceedings on 8 February 2016. Page 107 of the Proof Committee Hansard states:

***Dr Aleck:** We use the baseline that the US NTSB established. It was based on one in 10,000 of an occurrence with an engine being the acceptable level, if you will. The rates that we found were considerably above that.*

Dr Aleck's reference to the 'US NTSB', the United States National Transportation Safety Board, was inadvertently incorrect and ought to have been a reference to the 'United States Federal Aviation Administration'.

There were further exchanges with Senator O'Sullivan regarding Jabiru engines during the hearing regarding the conduct and determination of limitations. CASA will be providing further information on these matters to Senator O'Sullivan at a briefing scheduled for 29 February 2016.

I hope this advice clarifies matters and I apologise for the unintended error made in Dr Aleck's testimony in the hearing on 8 February 2016.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Aviation Safety