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**Australian Government**

**Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development**

*File Reference:*

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

Dear Senator Heffernan

**Subject: Budget Estimates May 2014**

I write regarding an answer provided to a written question on notice received following the Estimates Hearing held on 26-27 May 2014.

At the time of the responding, the Department incorrectly answered questions based on information known at that time.

In response to a written question on notice from Senator Glenn Sterle, about whether the Department had been consulted prior to the Government making a decision about Australian Federal Police (AFP) at Hobart Airport, the Department advised that it 'was not consulted prior to the decision, but continues to be engaged in discussions with AGD about implementation progress of this measure'.

It has since come to my attention that, while the Department was not specifically engaged on the decision regarding AFP resources at Hobart Airport, it was consulted by the Attorney General's Department about its views of the security risk at Hobart Airport in early March 2014. A corrected answer to the question on notice is attached.

I apologise for the inaccuracy and trust this clarifies the situation for you.

Yours sincerely

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