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Senator Barry O'Sullivan
Chair
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator O'Sullivan

I am writing to clarify evidence I gave at the hearings of the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on 23 May 2017.

In response to a question from Senator Cameron, I indicated that the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) had met the time line to lodge an answer to a written question on notice from Senator Cameron on 29 March 2017.

I was of the understanding that AMSA's answer to the Senator's question had been lodged within the timeframe provided to answer questions on notice. However, on checking the records, I wish to advise that the response to the written question on notice was not provided to the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development until 11 May 2017. I am advised that in this case the delay was due to the need to consult with our state delegates and I acknowledge that, faced with this delay, we should have asked the Committee for an extension.

I regret that AMSA did not meet the timeframes required by the Senate on this occasion and I would be pleased if you could note this advice for the information of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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