



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

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

Dear Senator Heffernan

Subject: Supplementary Budget Estimates October 2014

I write regarding statements made at the Supplementary Estimates Hearing held on 20 October 2014.

At the time of the Hearings the Department incorrectly answered questions based on information known at that time. The excerpts appear in the Hansard as follows:

Date: Monday, 20 October 2014
Page 129, lines 29 to 31

In response to a question from Senator Carol Brown about whether the Department had previously been consulted about Hobart Airport policing arrangements, Mr Mrdak stated: "That is right".

Please be advised that it has since come to my attention that the Department was consulted by the Attorney General's Department about its views of the security risk at Hobart Airport in early March 2014.

Page 129, lines 39 to 46 deal with the same matter.

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

Yours sincerely

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