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**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING - 20 FEBRUARY 2008**

Dear Chair

In reviewing the draft Hansard of my evidence before your committee on 20 February I have reflected that the evidence given requires some minor correction.

The evidence is at page E45. In reply to a question from Senator Coonan, my substantive answer I stand by as being correct. However in further elaboration of my answer I indicated that over the past five years the Auditor-General had "reduced the number of performance reviews of the Tax Office". I am now advised that, in fact, the number of Auditor-General's reviews of the Tax Office have remained constant over the past five years, taking into account that some reviews are follow-up reviews.

My comments concerning the Ombudsman require no change.

Therefore, my evidence should have read:

"The interesting observation that I have observed over the five years is that although the number of performance reviews of the Tax Office by the Auditor-General have remained constant, the number of complaints going to the Ombudsman..."

Please accept my apology for this oversight.

I have also attached corrections to Hansard.

Yours faithfully

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