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Dr Kathleen Dermody  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee  
Department of the Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Dermody

Further to Ms Pamela Corrigan's advice of 11 April 2006, I write to provide further clarification of evidence given by me at the Senate Additional Estimates hearing on Thursday 16 February 2006. This evidence concerned the first notice to produce documents received by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) on 1 December 2005 from the Inquiry into certain Australian companies in relation to the UN Oil-for-Food Program (the Inquiry).

In answer to a question from Senator Faulkner regarding when the first notice to produce had to be complied with (page FAD&T 32 of *Proof Hansard* 16 February 2006), I stated that this notice referred to three companies and had to be complied with by about 15 or 16 December 2005. I also explained at this time that this deadline was subsequently extended by a few days to 21 or 22 December 2005. I would like to clarify that this first notice to produce only referred to AWB Limited and AWB (International) Pty Limited. I also note that the deadline for compliance with this notice to produce was originally 9 December 2005 and that this was subsequently extended by the Inquiry to 22 December 2005.

In response to Senator Faulkner's question (page FAD&T 33 of *Proof Hansard* 16 February 2006) when the first notice to produce was complied with, I said that it was complied with by 21 or 22 December and certainly well before the Christmas break. I would like to clarify that this notice to produce was in fact complied with by 20 December 2005.

Yours sincerely

  
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