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Dr Kathleen Dermody
Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Dermody

I wish to correct evidence that I gave at the Budget Estimates hearing on 4 June 2009 concerning the publishing of the final volume of the Vietnam official history, *Fighting to the finish*.

During the hearing and in response to a question from Senator Trood, I stated that the volume had gone to the publisher last year and will be printed and available for launch next year. Since giving this answer, I have become aware that the author has not fully completed all aspects of the publication. There are some appendices and the like to be completed. However, I understand this will not affect the completion date.

I would be grateful if you were to apologise to Senator Trood for the incomplete response.

Yours sincerely

