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

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the Budget Estimates hearing held on 30 May 2011 concerning the number of projects that have been approved this financial year.

In answer to a question from Senator Johnston (page 22 of *Proof Hansard* Monday, 30 May 11), I stated that there had been 24 approvals this financial year. I reiterated this figure three more times in answering two questions from the Chair (pages 22 and 32 of *Proof Hansard* Monday, 30 May 11), and one question from Senator Humphries (page 30 of *Proof Hansard*, Monday, 30 May 11).

The information I provided was incorrect at the time of the hearing because there had been 23 approvals this financial year. The misunderstanding arose as a particular project required additional endorsement above the usual approval process before it could be counted as approved.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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