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Senator Anne McEwen  
Chair  
Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade  
Department of the Senate  
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator McEwen

I write to correct evidence given to the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee Budget Estimates hearing on 30 May 2012.

I refer to Hansard page 75, line 46 where I gave a figure of \$2.85 million as the total budget for the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting which was held this month in Hobart.

This figure was the initial estimated cost. The current estimate for the total cost of Australia hosting the Meeting is now \$1.6 million. The reduction is a result of a decision by Consultative Parties to the Antarctic Treaty to fund interpretation/translation costs through the budget of the Antarctic Treaty Secretariat rather than by the host country and through tight project management. I would propose that the reference to "\$2.85 million" be replaced with "now estimated at \$1.6 million".

I met with Senator Singh in Hobart on 11 June and mentioned this "revised" estimated figure to her, but it should also be formally recorded through a correction to Hansard.

Yours sincerely

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