

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

Dear Dr Dermody,

I write to provide context regarding the evidence that I gave at the Budget Estimates hearing held on 03 and 04 June 2013 concerning the Military Integrated Logistics Information System (MILIS).

In response to a question from Senator Johnston (page 28 of *Proof Hansard* 04 June 2013) that resulted in a discussion regarding the MILIS Post Implementation Report (PIR), I responded to Senator Johnston's question regarding whether the report was tabled, with the phrase, 'it was construed as tabled'. This may have been interpreted to indicate that the PIR report itself had been tabled in Parliament. The report was developed as an outcome of an internal review conducted by IBM on behalf of Defence, but was not tabled to Parliament.

In relation to references regarding the upgrade of MILIS during the discussion (pages 26 – 30 *Proof Hansard* 04 June 2013), Defence would like to clarify that the actual, 'go live' of the upgraded system was on 01 July 2010. It should be noted, however, that a range of further system improvements were implemented as an outcome of the MILIS Post Implementation review. The implementation of these system improvements was commenced approximately 18 months after 'go live'.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely,

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