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Dear Secretary,

I write to clarify the context of evidence I gave representing the Chief of Army at the Budget Estimates hearing held on 17 October 2012. The question was asked by Senator Ian MacDonald regarding Reserve training days, using a hypothetical example of Thursday Island.

In answer to a question from Senator Ian McDonald (bottom of page 86 of Proof Hansard 17 October 2012), I stated that "We also are not interested in unit commanders" (top of page 87 of Proof Hansard 17 October 2012). By itself, this information could be taken out of context. The corrected contextualized version for the record in answer to Senator MacDonald should read "We also are not interested in **blaming** unit commanders".

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours Sincerely,

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