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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,

**CORRECTION OF EVIDENCE, SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES
HEARING 17 OCTOBER 2012**

I write to correct evidence that I gave at the Budget Estimates hearing held on 17 October 2012 concerning Defence's leasing of property at Moorebank, New South Wales which accommodates the Defence National Storage and Distribution Centre.

In my opening statement (which commenced on page 3 of *Proof Hansard* 17 October 2012), I stated that on 24 September 2012, Defence exercised the first available five-year option on the lease at Moorebank, which will extend tenure at the site until March 2013. This information was incorrect because tenure is from March 2013 until March 2018.

The opening statement tabled with the Committee on 17 October does however have the correct date.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely,

Associate Secretary
Chief Operating Officer

6 December 2012