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Mr Alistair Sands  
Secretary, Senate Finance & Public  
Administration Legislation Committee  
The Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

**Correction of the Record**

Dear Mr Sands

I wish to correct the record of my testimony to the Supplementary Estimates hearing of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee on 20 November 2002.

I advised the Committee that a draft working document sought under FOI by Senator Sherry had been prepared by a consultant (Hansard Wednesday, 20 November 2002 F&PA page 38 refers). The engagement of the author was for a defined duration specifically for the purpose of the preparation of this document. As such it was akin to a short-term consultancy. However, on checking our records I have found that the author of the document had in fact been employed by my predecessor on a short-term non-ongoing basis.

I regret this technical error in my testimony and trust that my explanation clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely

Phil Bowen  
Acting Secretary

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