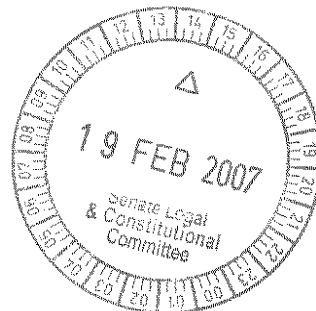




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Senator Marise Payne
Chair
Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600



Dear Senator Payne

**Correction to evidence provided at Additional Budget Estimates Hearing
Monday, 12 February 2007**

I am writing to correct an error of fact in evidence I provided to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs (L&CA) Committee at the Additional Budget Estimates hearing on Monday, 12 February 2007.

At L&CA 95 I advised, in response to a question from Senator Hurley, that the citizenship application fee in the USA is being increased to \$900. That is incorrect. The proposed increase in the US citizenship application fee is from US\$330 to US\$595. It is in fact the US permanent resident application fee which is proposed to increase from US\$325 to US\$905.

I apologise for this error and any confusion my response may have caused. I would be grateful if this correction could be disseminated among Committee members with my apology.

Yours sincerely

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